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Editor waves the white flag after Euro 96 blitzkrieg



By ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE editor of the *Daily Mirror* has apologised after hundreds of people protested about yesterday's front page showing two England footballers in soldiers' tin helmets demanding a German surrender.

It is understood that Piers Morgan was severely reprimanded by senior executives after the company's switchboard was jammed with calls objecting to headlines saying "Mirror Declares Football War on Germany" and "Achtung! Surrender... For you Fritz, ze Euro 96 Championship is over".

The *Mirror's* front page also featured an open letter to readers

from Mr Morgan written in the style of Neville Chamberlain's radio broadcast announcing the outbreak of war on September 3, 1939.

Mr Morgan, 31, said his coverage of the run-up to tomorrow's Euro 96 semi-final was supposed to be humorous, but he admitted that some had found it deeply offensive. Apart from those who protested to the paper, 40 people contacted the Press Complaints Commission, which will consider tomorrow whether to take any action.

"It was intended as a joke, but anyone who was offended by it must have taken it seriously, and to those people I say sorry," Mr Morgan said. "Humour about the Germans has gone back in our history and is

reflected in programmes like *Dad's Army* and 'Allo, 'Allo'."

Mr Morgan would not comment on reports that he had been forced to cancel plans to hire a tank and drive it to Germany. The paper is also understood to have called off a spate of flypost over the England team's hotel in Leipzig, which have abandoned plans to feature a reunion of *Dad's Army* actors.

Peter Gottwald, a spokesman for the German ambassador in London, said that the *Mirror's* war comparisons were in very bad taste. "Sport should not be connected with a war which, for the Germans, is a very strong reminder of a past that they do not brag about."

The outbreak of jingoism was not

confined to the *Mirror*, and other tabloid papers used similar imagery. *The Sun* — which, in common with *The Times* is owned by News International — ran the headline, "Let's Blitz Fritz" on page four and the *Daily Star* had a front page picture of the England coach Terry Venables posing as Lord Kitchener under the headline "Herr We Go".

Stuart Higgins, editor of *The Sun* told *Channel 4 News*, that some papers had lost the plot. "The *Sun* has maintained a jingoistic approach, rather than a xenophobic one. I think we can get away with blitzing Fritz, but talk of war is slightly in a different league. Our job now is to get behind the players and urge them to win. I think we

can have a bit of humour about the Germans."

Ordinary Germans, however, are becoming almost punch-drunk from the battering they have received at the hands of the British tabloids over the beef ban and Euro 96, and many have protested to the British embassy in Bonn. "Clearly some have been offended," Michael Smith, the press secretary, said. "That's not surprising given the headlines — but they understand, I hope, that parts of the British press are very robust and critical of everyone, not just Germans."

To many in the newspaper industry, Mr Morgan has failed to understand his readers' sensibilities and the paper's historical role in

British society. In attempting to transfer the mocking style of *The Sun*, where he rose to fame as a "showbiz" columnist, and *The News of the World*, which he edited, many feel he has failed to appreciate the *Mirror's* more serious tradition.

Roy Greenslade, a former *Mirror* editor, said: "It is ironic that two weeks ago it was the only tabloid extolling the virtues of the EU. It is also the tabloid which did more than any other to bring down Terry Venables. Now we must see it praising Venables and deriding the Germans. What kind of paper has it become?"

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New laws will curb asylum seekers' cash

By RICHARD FORD AND JILL SHERMAN

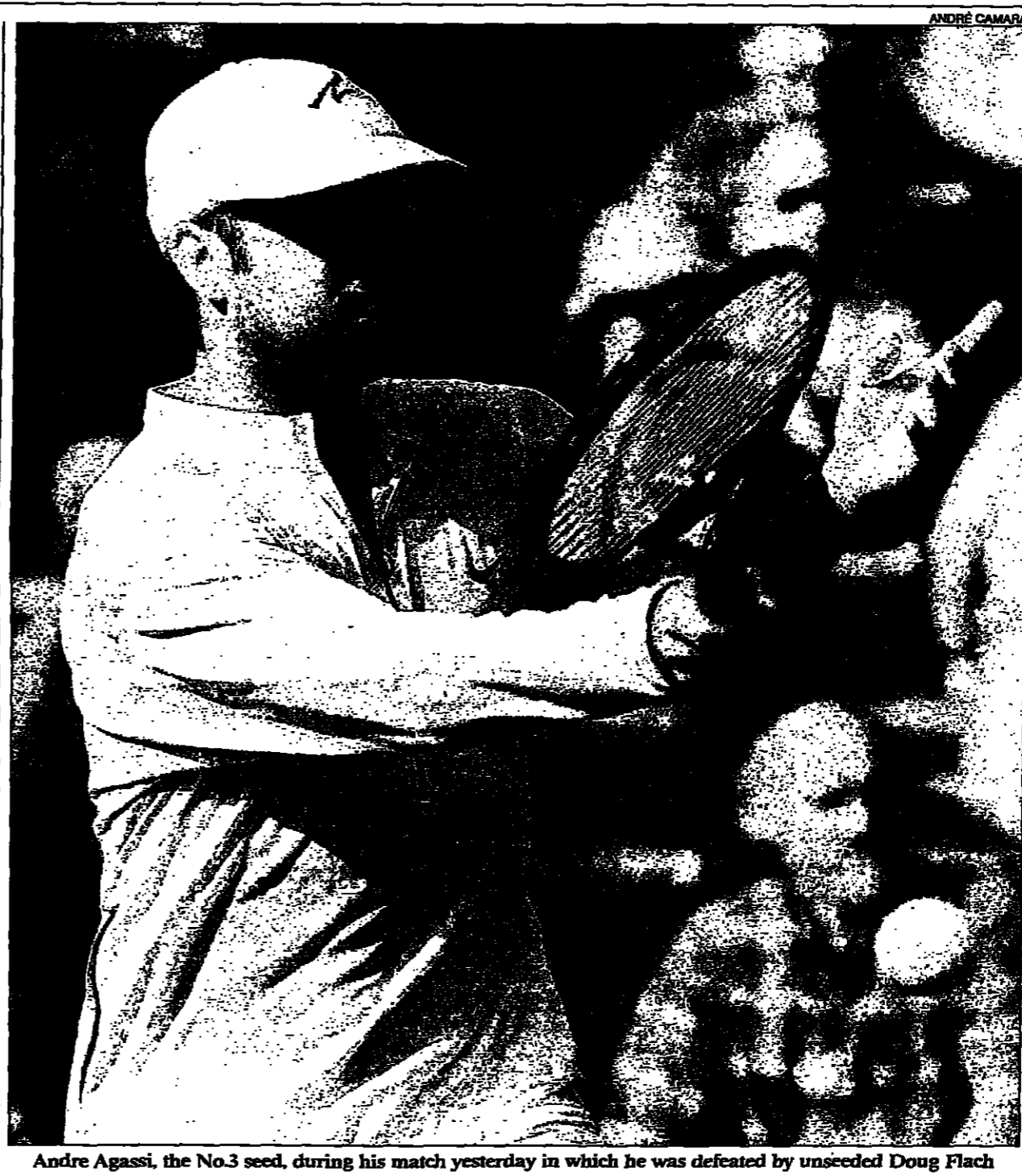
NEW laws are to be rushed through Parliament next week to overturn a Court of Appeal ruling that the Government acted illegally in cutting welfare benefits to asylum seekers.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, said that urgent action was needed so that the ruling would not provide "a blank cheque for bogus asylum seekers".

But the move provoked furious protests from opposition parties and welfare groups. Some MPs described the plans as an abuse of process, and the measure is likely to face stiff opposition in the Lords. Last night angry opposition peers tried to suspend discussion of the Bill, but were defeated by 135 votes to 100.

Chris Smith, Shadow Social Security Secretary, said the decision to force through changes to the law "to get round an inconvenient decision by the courts" highlighted ministers' incompetence.

"In a supposedly civilised country, you are leaving people to starve. You have acted with both inhumanity and injustice. Will you now think again and abandon your foolish intention to legislate your way around the prob-



Andre Agassi, the No.3 seed, during his match yesterday in which he was defeated by unseeded Doug Flach

US restores 'honey trap' ban on staff in Russia

FROM RICHARD BEESTON
IN MOSCOW

AMERICA has become so concerned about the threat of Russian spying that it has reimposed tough restrictions on its staff serving in Moscow, where any intimate relations with Russian citizens must be reported immediately.

In language rarely used since the Cold War, the State Department said Russia was "an exceptional intelligence threat to the US" and ordered its employees to report "any romantic and sexually intimate relationship".

The order, made available to *The Times*, suggested that Russian agents may once again be trying to lure American officials into so-called "honey traps". The classic KGB tactic usually involved a beautiful agent seducing and then blackmailing a vulnerable Western official.

The American directive, issued this month, could cause a political storm in Russia just days before President Yeltsin's re-election battle with Genadi Zyuganov, his Communist challenger, who has played an anti-Western sentiments during his campaign.

Certainly the language used in the memorandum by Suneta Halliburton, the Moscow embassy's administrative counsellor, could be regarded as politically insensitive, given that it was widely circulated to hundreds of American government employees across Russia. "Employees are reminded," the order said, "that the intelligence threat Russia poses is still formidable."

The order from Washington is seen as a blow to Thomas Pickering, the Ambassador, who has worked hard to normalise relations between Americans and Russians and who had the Cold War ban against "intimate or romantic relationships" lifted last year.

"We encourage our officers to make contacts with Russians," a British diplomat said. "But we have to use commonsense and any intimate relations should be reported. It is not like it used to be. A couple of serving diplomats have married Russians."

Business gamble

The unemployed would be able to take a business gamble with an advance payment of up to £1,400 under Labour Party proposals. Page 12

Degree for student, 85

By PAUL WILKINSON

A FORMER aide-de-camp to the Queen is proving that even at 85 one can learn new tricks.

Next month Colonel George Widdowson will collect a degree in Spanish at Hull University, and, a few days later will marry his fiancée Mary Miller.

The colonel, a veteran of Dunkirk and Arnhem, started his studies 15 years ago after doctors treating a lung complaint advised him to winter in

Exit Agassi on 'graveyard' court

By JOHN GOODBODY
SPORTS NEWS
CORRESPONDENT

ANDRE AGASSI, the No.3 seed and the most charismatic figure in international tennis, was knocked out of the Wimbledon championships on the opening day of the mens' singles by his fellow American Doug Flach, ranked 281 in the world.

Agassi, the 1992 champion, who was wearing a baggy pyjama-style zippered top and shorts, was upset on No.2

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climes more temperate than his native North Ferraby in east Yorkshire. "After a spell on the Costa del Sol I decided that I had better learn a word or two of the language," said the colonel, who was an ADC to the Queen for six years from 1960. He took evening classes at the university and, after his wife died in 1991, he joined a full-time degree course which involved spending a year at the University of Murcia in Spain. "I have always had a

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court, known as the "graveyard of champions". Flach won the match 2-6, 7-6 (11), 6-4, 7-6 (8/6).

The loss of Agassi is a blow to the championships, which desperately needs his skill and glamour to sustain popular interest in an event which is being overshadowed by Euro 96. However, the American showed little of his powerful service return and mobility around the court. Flach served ace after ace. As Agassi neared defeat in the fourth set, shrieks of "fight on

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Andre fight on" came from his fans, packed into the stands but it was all in vain.

Earlier, on the same court, another American, Michael Chang, the No.6 seed, went out in four sets to Alberto Costa of Spain.

Monica Seles made a triumphant return to Wimbledon, saying she had no fears for her security at the tournament. She defeated Arun Grossman 6-1 6-2.

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'Clapped-out old milker' finds few friends in his hour of need

For an appalling moment in the Commons yesterday, as Michael Jopling questioned the Prime Minister on the beef agreement at Florence, the nightmare seemed to be spinning out of control. Mr Jopling, a former Conservative Agriculture Minister, asked about "the ultimate solution" for the British herd. Happily, we had mistaken his meaning.

The fate of poor Douglas Hogg, the Minister of Agriculture, seemed even more uncertain. We say "poor" advisedly,

for this is the word politicians use of other politicians whose life-support machines they have decided to cut off. The affection the word might imply if you or I used it is absent. To say "poor Mr Hogg" at Westminster is the equivalent of stating at your shoes and emitting a low whistle at the sound of the name.

Question 1 to the Deputy Prime Minister brought Labour's Don Foster to his feet within minutes of kick-off. Foster dared Mr Heseltine to express confidence in Hogg,



whom he called a "clapped-out old milker". Heseltine rode less than magnificently to his chair's defence, simply insisting, in tones of mild reproach, that everyone in the Cabinet was friends.

Minutes later, Simon Hughes (Lib Dem, Southwark & Bermondsey) told MPs that Mr Hogg was "in a huge hole". Tony Blair rose to allege that ministers were "hanging the poor Agriculture Minister out to dry, to get him to resign".

"Where is he? Where is he?"

Michael Heseltine of having once "bailed out of the Army to fight a by-election". Nobody raised an eyebrow. Politics must be different in Wales, whose MPs seem to resort to impugning each other's honour almost before breakfast and the instant Prayers are over.

Sir Wyn Roberts (C. Conwy) accused Labour of shaping up to become "dictators at home and appeasers abroad". Peter Pike (Lab, Burnley) prophesied "the slaughter of the Agriculture Minister". David

Howell (C. Guildford) declared he detected "the whiff of sour grapes" among Labour.

The Liberal Democrat leader compared John Major with Chamberlain, then accused him of "a puerile policy of posturing".

Paddy Ashdown has learned about alliteration. On Thursday it will be all the Qs and Major will stand accused of joining a querulous quartet of Quislings. Mr Major, who is more prosaic, said Ashdown knew all about posturing. He told Tony Blair

that when in London he didn't have the guts to oppose Tory tactics, and when in Bonn he didn't have the guts to support them. Sir Teddy Taylor (C. Southend E) called Blair Mr Kohl's lackey.

Blair told Major he was ("I may say") "utterly incompetent". "I may say" is Mr Blair's new buzz-phrase. Douglas Hurd called Mr Blair a confused mischief-maker.

It was, in short, another Monday. Nobody was hurt. Nothing happened. Nothing was said.

Major resists call to sacrifice Hogg over beef war

By Philip Webster
POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR said yesterday that Britain would be ready for the lifting of most of the European Union beef ban by November as he tried to resist mounting Cabinet pressure for the sacking of Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister.

The Prime Minister won backing from Conservative MPs for the peace deal secured at Florence after telling them that the bans on meat from certified herds and young calves could be lifted as early as October and that on all animals aged under 30 months by the following month, opening the way for the resumption of exports worth £330 million a year.

The only remaining prohibition would be the export of meat from cattle aged over 30 months, the sale of which is also banned in the United Kingdom.

Mr Major put the cost of the crisis over the next three years at £2 billion. The figure is understood to include all compensation and eradication measures.

His estimates of the time it would take Britain to fulfil the conditions required by Brussels to lift parts of the ban were met with deep scepticism by Labour. Conservative MPs, who also doubted whether Europe would act as swiftly as Mr Major hoped, were nevertheless pleased that they had been given a broad timescale to sell to their farmers and constituents.

Mr Major defended the Government's non-coopera-

Tory party activists are following their MPs in becoming more Euro-sceptic. According to research published today, supporters are growing more hostile to the social chapter and a single currency. They are more supportive of a referendum on Europe and efforts to protect British fishing grounds. The findings come from analysis by the Bruges Group, the anti-EU lobby group, of motions submitted to Tory conferences since 1992.

tion policy, which ended at the Florence summit on Friday, as a "decisive factor" in the deal. But with the future of Mr Hogg again under question after the disclosure that several Cabinet ministers were urging his dismissal, Mr Major let it be known that he was in no hurry to give in to calls for his head.

The Prime Minister was reported to be angry that some members of the Government were trying to carry out his reshuffle for him. Even so, ministers including Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, are strongly in favour of Mr Hogg being moved from his job.

Mr Major is also said by colleagues to be irritated at attempts by some ministers to undermine the position of Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, by suggesting that she is at odds with the Prime Minister. Sources close to both Mrs Shephard and Mr Major de-

nied yesterday that there had been a rift over the plans for expanding the number of grammar schools, to be unveiled today.

Roger Freeman, the Public Service Minister, said Mr Hogg had been doing a magnificent job defending the interests of Britain's beef farmers and would continue to go on doing so.

Surprisingly, however, senior ministers continued to raise doubts about Mr Hogg's future and said that when the time came for Mr Major to look at his reshuffle he would be forced to conclude that Mr Hogg was not up to the job.

Mr Hogg will focus on Mr Hogg in a Commons debate today when the Liberal Democrats argue a motion calling for a cut in the minister's salary.

Yesterday in the Commons Tony Blair said the Government had failed to intervene properly when the crisis flared, failed to compensate and inform farmers, failed to announce the link with Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease with any proper consultation, and failed to get the ban lifted. "This has been an object lesson in this Government's capacity to turn any crisis into a catastrophe. And the truth is whatever fief you have today, the damage will be with this country for many years to come."

Mr Major admitted that the targets he had set were ambitious, "but it is now up to us and the farming and ancillary industries to ensure we meet them".

Tory Euro-sceptics gave Mr Major broad support. The strongest attack came from



Douglas Hogg arriving in Luxembourg yesterday amid demands for his dismissal

George Walden, the former minister, who declared: "We have lost prestige, we have lost money and we have lost unmet thousands more cows. If we feel big after that, we must have been feeling rather small before."

But John Townend, MP for Bridlington, and chairman of the right-wing 92 Group of

Tory MPs, urged Mr Major to use the non-cooperation tactics again if British interests were, at risk. John Redwood, the former leadership challenger, urged Mr Major to use "equally persuasive ways" to raise the issues of the powers of the European Court of Justice and EU fisheries policy.

French farmers protesting

against the effects of BSE on the meat industry yesterday intercepted a British lorry containing frozen sheep carcasses and opened the doors of the vehicle, rendering the meat unsaleable. The lorry, one of dozens stopped by about 60 farmers, near Bressuire, Poitou, was en route from Wales.

Degree for man, 85

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very full life, but I do not like to be mentally idle. The degree has been a very useful way to occupy my time." Of his fellow students, he says: "They were marvellous. They made me feel as if I was one of them."

His life has already encompassed two successful careers, the first as a soldier, the second as a banker. He was commissioned into the Green Howards in 1931 as a 20-year-old subaltern and later transferred to the Parachute Regiment. After the war he joined the Territorials, becoming first Colonel of 25 Engineer group and later Chief Engineer with the 51st Highland Division. Col Widdowson was appointed first MBE and then a CBE for his military service.

In civilian life he joined Barclays Bank and was chairman of the Association of Hull Clearing Banks from 1966 to 1963. He also served as a

magistrate in Birmingham and was a deputy Lord Lieutenant for the West Midlands. His fiancée, Mary, was a colleague at the bank and a long-time family friend.

"I proposed to her on her 60th birthday last May, but I was in the middle of exams and we could not make any plans." It will be a church wedding and his son Howard, 56, a senior bank official in Warwickshire will be his best man.

He has known his bride since the 1950s when she worked as his secretary. "She was a great friend of my family, including my first wife who was also called Mary. When I retired in 1964 we lost contact apart from exchanging Christmas cards and the odd letter, but about three years ago I got in touch. Our friendship blossomed and I moved to North Ferriby because she had a home there too."

Uniformity in state education will end, Shephard pledges

By John O'Leary
EDUCATION EDITOR

COMPREHENSIVE schooling on uniform lines will become a thing of the past under the Government's plans for more selection. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, writes today in *The Times*.

A White Paper to be published this afternoon will endorse successful comprehensive education. But Mrs Shephard says in her article: "One single type of school cannot fully meet all the varied abilities, aptitudes, interests and needs of our children."

Government proposals will allow grant-maintained and local authority schools to select more pupils, as well as clearing the way to meeting the Prime Minister's target of there being a grammar school

in every town. Comprehensive schools will be able to bid over the heads of Labour councils to become fully selective, and new grammar schools will be established where there is parental demand.

Mrs Shephard describes grammar schools as "beacons of excellence" to the whole education system. Other schools will be encouraged to specialise so that parents are not again faced with a choice between grammar schools and secondary moderns.

However, the Funding Agency for Schools, which will oversee the exercise, said yesterday that the White Paper was unlikely to herald a sharp increase in selection. A spokesman said schools showed little enthusiasm when consulted this year on more modest plans allowing them to select

more pupils. "Grant-maintained schools are created by parental demand, and remain driven by it," the spokesman said. "There is no point in schools rushing into selection if parents don't want it. If they did, they would have been pushing far harder for it."

Out of the 1,034 grant-maintained schools established so far, only 41 have sought permission to select the 10 per cent currently allowed. Of those, 35 select on an academic ability but aptitude for music and drama.

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, said: "The agency agrees with Labour that there is no demand for an increase in selection, and confirms our view that this could be a substantial vote-loser for the Tories." However, Conservative strate-

gists are convinced that Labour is vulnerable on selection following the decision to Harriet Harman, the Shadow Health Secretary, to send her son to a grammar school.

The White Paper will propose that grant-maintained schools are allowed to select up to half their intake by ability or aptitude, compared with a new limit of 20 per cent in the maintained sector.

□ Pupils awarded top grades in tests for seven-year-olds were facing results yesterday because their results were considered to be too good. Oxfordshire County Council ordered the re-takes because scores in mathematics and English at Stephen Freeman County Primary School, Didcot, were inconsistent with expectations.

Gillian Shephard, page 21

Maze escaper loses extradition appeal

The American Supreme Court cleared the way yesterday for the extradition to Britain of Jimmy Joseph Smyth, who escaped from the Maze prison in Belfast 13 years ago. Smyth was convicted in 1978 of the attempted murder of an off-duty prison guard and sentenced to 20 years.

He escaped with 37 others from the Maze and went to San Francisco, where he was arrested in 1992. The Government then sought his extradition, claiming Smyth, 42, was a member of the IRA. He denied it and maintained he was innocent of the attempted murder. Smyth's lawyers had appealed to the US High Court to hear the case, arguing that he would suffer political persecution based on his religious beliefs and political opinions if sent back to Britain. The Justice Department urged the Supreme Court to reject the appeal.

Free phone service cut

Millions of people will be denied free help with state benefits when the Benefits Agency's free line service is cut on July 12. The economy is designed to save the agency £2 million over five years. Peter Mathison, its chief executive, said that most of the calls to the free service were for specific and personal questions that needed to be referred to local benefits offices.

Legal official rebuked

The treasurer of the Law Society has been severely rebuked by the Solicitors Complaints Bureau. Mike Howells, a longstanding council member, was found to have given "inadequate professional services" to a client and was ordered to pay him £1,000 in compensation. Martin Mears, the current president of the society, has asked three former presidents to decide if any further action is needed.

Man denies murder

A 31-year-old unemployed man appeared before Chester Crown Court accused of raping and murdering Sophie Hook, aged 7. Howard Hughes, of Colwyn Bay, Chwyd, denies the charges. Sophie, of Great Budworth, Cheshire, was found dead on July 30 last year near the promenade in Llandudno. She had been camping in a back garden. The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.

Swimming challenge

Eric Henderson, a Commonwealth swimming gold medalist, is taking legal action against the Amateur Swimming Association after a police decision to drop inquiries into allegations of "inappropriate behaviour" towards a female pupil. Henderson, 48, had been suspended as a coach by the association and by Bristol City Council. He said: "I am amazed by the whole thing."

Rock show 'mistakes'

A seating stand at a Pink Floyd concert in Earls Court, west London, collapsed, injuring 40 people, because of an accumulation of mistakes. Knightsbridge Crown Court was told. Earls Court Ltd, Jonathan Smith, a former director of Arena Promotional Facilities, and David McCallum, a structural engineer, admit breaching health and safety regulations. The hearing continues.

Sir Fitzroy buried

Sir Fitzroy MacLean, the war hero, author and politician who died earlier this month, was laid to rest on top of a grassy mound on the estate where he spent the latter years of his life. Sixteen family members and friends lowered his coffin into the grave near Struchur, in Argyll, to the sound of pipers. Special Air Service soldiers helped to carry the coffin from Struchur House to the village church.

Star's sonic boom

A former pop star was yesterday facing claims for damages after his experiment with a "sonic weapon" stampeded a herd of cattle. Jimmy Casby, formerly of the group KLF, test-fired a 25,000-watt sound system on the back of a Saabron armoured car at his country home near Broadhempston, Devon, during a party. A farmer believes it caused a heifer to lose a calf.

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Police filmed teenagers buying drinks

Under-age 'sting' robs Sainsbury's store of licence

By PAUL WILKINSON

A SAINSBURY'S store lost its licence to sell alcohol yesterday after the police sent under-age teenagers into the store and secretly filmed them buying drinks.

The police set up what is thought to be the first such operation of its kind after complaints of drunkenness and bad behaviour among youngsters attending a disco near the out-of-town store at Monk's Cross, Huntington, York. Some of the children's parents had also complained.

After the decision by licensing justices at Easingwold, North Yorkshire, Sainsbury's complained about the way in which the police operation had been carried out. A spokesman said: "We are very disappointed by the result. We would prefer to work with police and help officers with their duties."

"We will be asking the Home Office to look at the whole issue of this police exercise and we will be appealing."

Richard Green, who presented the police case, said the police's methods could not be condemned as they had acted in the public interest.

The police scheme was 100 per cent successful and showed 100 per cent negligence by Sainsbury's.

After the operation earlier this year, Sainsbury's sacked the two cashiers involved but was accused of making them scapegoats for the faults of senior management. PC Stuart Outhwaite, who led the operation, said: "The people holding the licences should be in control and take responsibility. Despite an excellent training package with Sains-



Hogsdon: manager who blamed staff for sales

bury's, it appears that is not the case."

Mr Green said: "The manager was like the captain of the Titanic and chose to shoot officers and seamen when it was the manager's responsibility for the ship going down. It is clear Sainsbury's should look inwards and ask themselves whether or not they were correct in being arrogant and coming here saying, this is what we do, it may not accord with common sense, but it is our policy."

The court heard that teenagers aged 14 and 15 bought alcohol from the store on three separate occasions. The drinks included alcoholic lemonade and rose wine. A video extract of the undercover operation showed two girls dressed casually, with no make-up and clearly looking their age, carrying the drinks from the store.

Urging the magistrates to send a message to other supermarket chains, Mr Green said the manager, Michael Hogsdon, who has been with

Sainsbury's for 32 years, should take responsibility.

James Rankin, for Sainsbury's, told the court that the company was deeply embarrassed by its appearance there and an apology had been made for selling the drinks to teenagers.

Sainsbury's admitted that the manager must accept responsibility but he could not control how fully-trained staff acted all the time. Robert Brookes, the store's deputy manager, said they had never had any problems with under-age sales.

The regional director, Peter Guildford, said managers should take responsibility, but in this case procedures had been followed and there was no way they could have done more.

Bob Eccles, the chairman of the licensing bench, said: "We are not satisfied that the store exercised due diligence on these occasions. There is great public concern about under-age drinking and this bench has strict views on these matters."

A company spokesman said no decision would be taken on the future of Mr Hogsdon and Mr Brookes until after the appeal.

A spokesman for Tesco said last night: "We have measures in place to ensure that we do not sell alcohol to under-age customers. These include strict staff training and instructions to staff that they are to refuse to sell to any customers who appear to be under-age."

A spokeswoman for Safeway said: "We have our own in-store policies which are intended to ensure that such a thing could not happen in any of our stores."



Sister Margaret Mary, left, Mrs Trevisan, and New Hall School, above, where fees are up to £10,000 a year

Nun and teacher clashed at church school

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A FRENCH mistress at Britain's oldest independent Roman Catholic school for girls was sacked by a "kangaroo court" after being victimised by the headmistress, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

As the two women fell out, unrest spilled over in the staff room at New Hall School near Chelmsford, founded in 1763. Jennifer Trevisan was accused of fomenting discord by the headmistress, Sister Margaret Mary, a nun from the Convent of the Holy Sepulchre of our

A dwindling number of nuns and monks teach in British schools, many for no salary. Religious orders find it hard to recruit novices and Catholic schools have suffered. Little more than 1,000 members of religious orders have full-time teaching posts. Some schools have closed and others have increased their proportion of lay staff.

Lord in Jerusalem, which runs the school. At one stage, another staff member alleged that an after-school club which Mrs Trevisan helped to set up for language students was an excuse for the girls to buy cakes at a supermarket. The story of strife at the school, where the fees are up

to £10,000 a year, emerged when Mrs Trevisan, 50, claimed unfair dismissal. The dispute began after she was diagnosed as suffering from reactive depression caused by overwork in November 1993. While she was sick, Sister Margaret Mary allegedly interfered with her doctor's

prognosis, writing to ask him for a medical report and threatening her with dismissal. After her return, she said pressure was increased when she discovered she would also be teaching German. Last year, Mrs Trevisan was told she had been provisionally selected for redundancy with an offer of £4,925 after 22 years' service. She alleged that a "kangaroo court" of governors heard her final appeal against dismissal. Mrs Trevisan told the tribunal at Bury St Edmunds: "I just want my job back." The tribunal reserved judgment.

Lone sailor survives collision in Atlantic storm

By TIM JONES

A LONE sailor last night described his ordeal after his yacht sank in huge seas in the mid-Atlantic within minutes of being holed in a collision.

Peter Crowther, 54, was in the charthouse of his 42 ft yacht, *Galway Blazer*, when it hit an unidentified object, making it shudder from stern to bow.

With seconds to spare as the yacht began to break up, Mr Crowther, a publican from Stoke Fleming, Devon, switched on an emergency distress signal before scrambling into his liferaft.

The *Q22* and other ships in the area, about 700 miles from Land's End, changed course and an RAF Nimrod aircraft from Kinloss was sent to help. After seven hours at sea, Mr Crowther was rescued by *Atlantic Compass*, a Swedish container ship.

He said last night that although a force seven wind was creating a heavy swell he had been untroubled before disaster struck his junk-rigged schooner. "I was battling along very well and deciding whether or not to have a grapefruit for breakfast. Suddenly, there was a huge bang and the ship shuddered. It was as though someone had punched a hatch-sized hole into the hull. I realised I had only seconds to act. As soon as I was clear of the yacht I saw it disappear beneath the waves. It could only have taken a couple of minutes."

Mr Crowther had left Plymouth nine days before, one of more than 50 competitors in the One-Star Single-handed Transatlantic Yacht Race to Newport, Rhode Island. He is now on his way to Halifax, Nova Scotia. His wife Ailix, who runs the Green Dragon public house at Stoke Fleming, said: "Until I heard he was safe it was the worst day of my life."

The cream of tradition wins at Wimbledon

By JOANNA BALE

WIMBLEDON fans stuck to cream with their strawberries yesterday, rather than choosing an American-style "healthy alternative" that was available at the championship for the first time in its 119-year history.

It may have been tradition that led them to avoid pouring low-fat, frozen vanilla yoghurt over their bowls. Or it may have been the extra charge of £1 on top of paying £1.80 for a punnet of ten strawberries — already up 5p from last year. The customary calorie-laden, artery-clogging single cream was free.

A spokesman for Town and County, Wimbledon's caterers, said: "We decided to break with tradition and offer this for the first time because we felt that there was a demand for a healthier option." According to sales assistants, fewer than one in ten requested it yesterday.

The Mon Glacé frozen yoghurt, made in England by Glasay, has half the calories and a third of the fat of single cream.

Glasay's owner, Katy Sonabend, said: "We started making it four years ago before anyone had heard of it over here. It is an American invention and we are delighted to be selling it at such a prestigious event."

One who did indulge was Karen Mashford, an auditor, of Crawley, West Sussex, who said: "I love frozen yoghurt. It tastes creamy but it's much healthier. Last year I had cream, but now it's nice to

have a choice." One Wimbledon tradition remained intact when hundreds of people camped out overnight to ensure their place in the queue for tickets.

At the head was a German bank clerk, Marco Stein, on a two-week holiday in England to enjoy Euro 96 and tennis. Predicting an England soccer win over Germany tomorrow, he said: "They have got more spirit. They play a fighting game and they will be on their home ground."

Germany's Boris Becker was also keen to talk about football rather than tennis at his post-match press conference. When asked by one British journalist to predict the semi-final score in Euro 96, an All England Club official interjected with the command: "Tennis questions only, please." Becker, however, was keen to continue on the subject and said: "I am a bigger football fan than I am of tennis. It will be a penalty shoot-out."

He also disclosed that the German team and their entourage had asked him for 22 Wimbledon tickets after he watched them beat Italy last Wednesday, but he could give them only a few because he was not allocated enough.

Becker denied reports that he was going to request an early game on Wednesday to enable him to get to Wembley to watch England and Germany play. "I don't intend even to go, because it's something I would rather see on the television. I have to take care of my business here."

The All England Club was forced to increase security for Monica Seles's return to Wimbledon after a four-year break caused by her stabbing by a spectator at a German tournament. During her practice session at Wimbledon Park, she was protected by four security guards provided by the club. An All England spokesman declined to comment further, saying: "We have an arrangement with Miss Seles, but we cannot discuss details."

More Wimbledon traditions remained intact with seeds being knocked out on the opening day, and with disappointment for British players. Jeremy Bates was defeated.



Best things can be free...



Kornela and Joseph Ploch, in a picture taken in 1947

Murdered pair were war refugees

By ADRIAN LEE

AN ELDERLY couple found murdered at their home came to Britain from eastern Europe as refugees after the war and felt they owed this country a debt of gratitude. The couple, from Lvov, formerly in Poland, had survived the Second World War in separate prison camps before settling in England.

The bodies of Joseph Ploch, 86, and his wife Kornela, 82, who were both suffocated, had been undiscovered for almost a week, police said yesterday. It is believed they died when Mrs Ploch disturbed an intruder at their home of more than 30 years, in Fulham, west London.

Both victims were bound hand and foot with adhesive tape. Mrs Ploch suffered

severe facial injuries before she was smothered with items of clothing, while her husband was suffocated with a pillow. Detectives believe the motive was theft.

Mrs Ploch was last seen alive on June 16. Neighbours became concerned, and alerted police on Saturday. Officers found Mrs Ploch's body lying in the kitchen. Her husband, who had a heart condition, was found in his bed.

Detective Superintendent Brian Edwards, who is leading the investigation, said: "They were frail and defenceless and, I think, incapable of putting up a fight." If anyone had any information about the killer there was no excuse not to come forward.

"They were killed in a deliberate and calculated manner. There was nothing of

great value in the house, only a lifetime's possessions," Mr Edwards said.

Police were trying to establish details of how the couple lived. Mr Edwards described them as a private couple with no relatives in Britain. A niece lives in Canada.

Helena Pasek, the victims' best friend, said that the couple had been sent to prison camps when the Soviet Union occupied eastern Poland at the beginning of the war, leaving a young daughter behind. After their release they left Poland, where their daughter still lives, and settled in Britain, in 1947. Mr Ploch, once a history professor, trained as a draughtsman and worked hard to build a comfortable life. His wife was a dressmaker.

The couple loved their adopted country, Mrs Pasek, 75, said. "They were very grateful to Britain for the new life it had given them. She loved the Queen and the Queen Mother. The increasing violence never concerned them. It would have been impossible for them to put up a fight so there was no reason to kill them."

Suzanne Woodburn, a neighbour, said: "They were a gentle couple who were quite withdrawn but friendly. I would see her outside her house picking the greenfly off the roses."

Another neighbour, Kirsty Smallwood, said: "I never saw anyone going in to the house. He was always tinkering with his car. There have been a lot of burglaries round here but that is very different from suffocating two old people."

Advertisement for Beconas hayfever medicine. Features a large image of a man's face and the text 'n shines.' Below the image, it says: 'Do whatever you want to do this summer because Beconas microspray contains a powerful anti-inflammatory that works directly to protect the sensitive membranes... only treats the symptoms of hayfever but used regularly it can prevent future attacks. What's more, it doesn't make you drowsy.' The Beconas logo is visible, along with the slogan 'FREEDOM FROM HAYFEVER.' At the bottom, it says: 'Contains Beclomethasone Dipropionate. Always read the label. Beconas Hayfever Information Helpline 0660 600622. Calls charged at 49p per minute peak rate, 39p at all other times.'

Flags are out for Terry, England and St George

By ROBIN YOUNG

ENGLAND'S Euro 96 success has led to the rediscovery of a flag that a generation had almost forgotten.

The semi-final place for Terry Venables' team has created a boom in demand for the patriotic symbol. "We did not sell a single St George's flag for St George's Day this year. But now there is tremendous demand," Janet Elms of RME Local Marketing, at Hampton, southwest London, said. "We will probably sell at least ten times the number of St George's flags that we sold all last year."

The company supplies "art silk" printed flags, ideal for parading at matches or hanging from windows, at £15 for the 5ft by 3ft size. "We are very popular here," Mrs Elms explained. "We have no truck with metres."

The firm is also producing St George's T-shirts and polo shirts at £15 each. "But we are having difficulty getting more supplies. People are going to manufacturers and buying up everything," she said.

Chris Penman, of the House of Flags at Kimbolton, Cambridgeshire, said: "Last year, even with the VE-Day commemoration, we sold only about 1,000 St George's flags. The English as a nation are not very patriotic. Until now a lot of people did not even know what a St George's flag looked

A Spanish football fan was held by police for his own safety after challenging 300 England fans to a fight outside a pub before Saturday's Euro 96 quarter-final. He did not know his team had lost until he appeared before Marlborough Street magistrates yesterday. Igoitz Garagarza, 20, who admitted using threatening behaviour, had already served a day in jail and was freed after the case.

like, but since Saturday afternoon we have been devoting the whole of our production staff and all the outworkers we can find, all working overtime. Fans have suddenly woken up to the fact that it is St George for England."

As well as big banners, up to 50 metres by 15 metres, the House of Flags is supplying thousands of flags two metres by three metres at £80 each, and tens of thousands for hand-waving at 50p each.

At Gaffney of Tiptree, in Essex, staff have worked through the weekend to produce nearly 200,000 extra plastic bowler hats with the St George's cross on them. Dennis Payne, sales and marketing director, said: "It has to be St George because it does not go down well with the Scots if you use the Union Jack at an

England match. Though we started with what we thought were ambitious schemes for products, that has all become small beer now."

Keith Drinkwater, of Big Sport, the company in charge of official Euro 96 merchandising, said: "It is very important for business that the home team does well. We are selling T-shirts, scarves, hats, caps, flags, badges and all sorts of supporters' items, but the uptake from the visiting teams has been rather disappointing. It is the England fans who make all the difference. I want an England versus France flag."

At Spectrum Graphics in Kingston upon Thames, southwest London, business is also hectic. "We do flags in woven polyester at £35 for a 6ft by 3ft or £45.50 for 8ft by 5ft," James Tolley said. "But with only a two-day turnaround there is no way we are going to meet all the demand."

Only Big Sport admitted to having taken orders for the German schwarz-rot-gelb. "What's that?" Mr Penman asked. "Anyone wanting one of those had better write in under plain cover." Mrs Elms advised. Mr Drinkwater, of Big Sport, said: "I think the Germans will have bought most of their equipment at home. They have not been very big customers so far."

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Sam Blake, 20, adorning himself in the rallying symbol in Carnaby Street yesterday

Semi-final strip puts home team in a grey area

By JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND will have to play in their "anonymous grey" reserve strip in tomorrow's Euro 96 semi-final against Germany. It was decided yesterday.

Germany will play in their traditional white shirts, the same as England's first colour, in the repeat of the 1966 World Cup final, which England won 4-2. England lost their chance of playing in white when the two countries drew lots at a London hotel yesterday under the eyes of officials of Uefa, the European governing body.

Although Umbro, the manufacturer, insist that the colour of England's second strip is "indigo blue", it has been labelled "anonymous grey" by critics, who say it pales in comparison to their traditional reserve strip of red shirts and white shorts.

Gail Stephenson, head of the orthoptics department at Liverpool University, said: "This colour is unsuitable because professional footballers extract a great deal of information from their peripheral visual field. This field has a poorer ability to detect colour and contrast than your central visual field. Therefore, players need a very bright or highly contrasting colour against the dark background of a crowd."

John Barbur, a professor of optic and visual science at the City University, London, said that grey was one of the

hardest colours to spot because it was a poor reflector of light.

Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said: "We are not unhappy. We are not persuaded by this argument about the colour. We have a 100 per cent record in this kit. And when we played in our usual white kit against West Germany in the 1970 World Cup, we were beaten."

Terry Venables, the England coach, and Trevor Phillips, the FA's former commercial director, who resigned last month, discussed the choice of kit with the design department of Umbro.

Simon Marsh, the Umbro promotions manager, said: "The FA was consulted all the way. However, we are receptive to people's views and if the kit does not prove popular, we will consider changing it after the customary two years of its life." Umbro's contract with England expires in 1998.

Once submitted to Uefa, the kit cannot be altered for the tournament. Lilywhite's of Piccadilly said yesterday that it had sold "thousands" of the first-choice England kit but "fewer than 100" of the reserve strip.

David Seaman will also be forced to wear a goalkeeping strip that Mr Phillips described as making the Arsenal player look "like a tube of Refreshers" when England played Bulgaria in April.

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Girls face 20 years in Italian prison

By RICHARD OWEN IN ROME AND KATHRYN KNIGHT

TWO British teenagers arrested for alleged drugs offences in Rome face up to 20 years in prison if convicted, Italian police said yesterday.

Marianne Platt, 16, and Melanie Jackman, 19, are accused of possessing and importing 4kg of pure heroin worth £600,000. Friends of Miss Platt, a drama student, spoke of their shock at her arrest. Her mother, Jackie King, was preparing to fly to Italy yesterday. Miss Jackman's family, from Howe, East Sussex, have hired a private detective to travel to Italy. The police said there was

evidence that the girls had been associating with Nigerian drug dealers. "They seem to have got into bad company," one officer said. "What we have to decide is whether it amounted to more than that."

If a court decided the girls were not part of an organised gang, the sentence would be cut to eight to ten years. This would be halved if they were felt to have co-operated fully.

The girls, who had been tracked by Interpol, arrived from Istanbul on June 6 and were arrested the next day near Naples. A Nigerian and an Italian were also held.

British Embassy officials said that the girls were in good health. Michael Burgoyne, British vice-consul in Naples, said: "They have told me they did not know their luggage contained drugs."

Miss Platt gained 12 GCSEs at The Brit School of Performing Arts in Selhurst, southeast London. She left in July.

Young learn tricks of TV advertising

By ALEXANDRA FREAN

PARENTS are more likely to be duped by television commercials for toys than their children, according to research published yesterday.

A study by the Independent Television Commission found that most children display a "consistently higher level of advertising literacy" than adults.

Children as young as nine are skilled at distinguishing reality from fantasy in advertisements and easily understand a range of special effects and devices used by toy advertisers, the report concludes. As a result, they are less likely than their parents to be disappointed when they get the product.

The report concluded that many parents were cynical about advertisements that made exaggerated claims and tended to be overprotective of their children in a way that might not be necessary.

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In 1956 Californian paint manufacturer Jack Slimmer predicted the number of votes to be cast for General Dwight D Eisenhower in the US Election. He sealed them in a bank vault along with a cheque for \$5,000 payable to charity if he was wrong, and had everything verified by a Los Angeles charity commissioner. He predicted 1,218,462 votes in Los Angeles County; 2,875,637 votes in California and 33,974,241 in the rest of the country. When the results were declared his numbers were 100% accurate. (We're aware that this incredible fact is of no practical use to anyone, but we decided that wasn't a good enough reason not to tell you it.)

Warning: If you eat any part of a rhododendron you will, in all likelihood, die. It is a beautiful but highly toxic plant. Even more alarmingly, the same goes for the leafblade of rhubarb.

The best time to exercise is between 5pm and 7pm. Flexibility, speed, strength and dexterity are all better in the late afternoon, early evening. At this time your body can do more for less effort and is also more likely to benefit from it.

If you're ever driving through Scotland you must try and pay a visit to the 'Electric Brae' near Croy, in Ayrshire. It's a 400 yard stretch of the A719, nine miles south of Ayr, between Alloway and Turnberry, with a strange claim to fame. The road actually slopes downhill but, due to a natural optical illusion, it looks like you're going uphill. Should you stop the car, get out and release the handbrake, it looks to all the world like your car is slowly rolling UPHILL, all by itself. Equally spooky is the burn by the side of the road where the water acts in exactly the same way. It really is Mother Nature at her most playful.

Scampi is actually a plural word. So, for the record, should you find yourself in a pub beer garden unable to quite finish your scampi-in-a-basket, the correct phrase for the occasion is, "It's no good...it was delicious, but I just can't quite manage that last scampo."

THIS IS A COMPENDIUM OF GOOD THINGS TO KNOW. OUT OF INTEREST, READING IT IN DIM LIGHT WILL NO MORE HARM YOUR EYES THAN TAKING A PHOTOGRAPH IN DIM LIGHT WILL HARM A CAMERA.

Should you ever need to stop yourself sneezing, it helps greatly to think about the back of your neck.

Licking your wounds is good for them. Your mouth is full of antibiotics, produced in response to minor cuts and grazes. It's why we don't get horrendous infections every time we bite our tongue.

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The following is an exercise to decrease a double chin. Jut the chin forwards and very slightly upwards. Rest your elbow on a table and place a clenched fist under your chin. With your teeth together, and your bottom lip over the top one, press the tip of your tongue against the roof of your mouth, then count to five while increasing the pressure with your tongue.

Slowly relax to a count of five. There will be a definite improvement in muscle tone in just a few weeks. (Taken from 'Eva Fraser's Facial Workout' available from Penguin at £4.99.)

If you have lost any of these items, the London Transport Lost Property Office is waiting to hear from you. A bottle of bull sperm; a double bed; a theatrical coffin; the top bar from a Horse of the Year Show jump; a stuffed eagle; a box of false eyeballs; breast implants; an artificial leg; an inflatable doll; a grandfather clock; two and a half hundred weight of sultanas and currants; a bishop's crook; and a 14ft boat.

OLD ASPIRINS CAN MAKE A HEADACHE WORSE BECAUSE THE CHEMICALS BREAK DOWN WITH TIME. Britain does not have a written constitution but it does have a bill of rights, set up in 1688, which established a constitutional monarchy in England. You can read the full text by asking at your local library for volume 8 of ENGLISH HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS, 1600-1714.

IN DRY CONDITIONS THEY WILL LAST 2-3 YEARS BUT IN HOT STEAMY BATHROOM CUPBOARDS THEY MAY LAST ONLY 4 MONTHS. (N.B. IF YOU'VE RUN OUT OF ASPIRINS, YOU CAN RELIEVE THE PAIN OF A HEADACHE BY GENTLY TUGGING ON YOUR EARLOBES.) Dallas DJ Ron Chapman told listeners to his show that if they sent him \$20 he would send them nothing by return. A week later he had received over \$240,000. (You never know, change it to £10, take out an ad in all the newspapers, and...well, you never know.)

You are less likely to get a hangover from drinking a gin and tonic than any other drink. According to extensive research into the subject, it is not the alcohol itself that causes the damage, but 'congeners.' (Amyl alcohols formed during fermentation or primary distilling, it says here.) And these congeners are totally eradicated during the purification of spirit - which is the base of gin. What all this means is that if we take parts per million of congeners, and turn them into a Hangover League, then we get red wine at the top with 400; beers next with 380; brandy at 352; white wine at 350 - and gin at a mere 3.

When shaking fruit from a tree, you'll get much more fruit to drop if you give hefty, infrequent shakes rather than numerous rapid ones. For plums, you'll need only a third as much strength to dislodge the fruit with a two-inch shake at the rate of 400 a minute, as you would with a one-inch shake at 1100 to the minute. Tart cherries, on the other hand, react best to a 1/2 inch stroke at 1200 to the minute, while apples fall most freely at 3 1/2 inches and 400.

Exactly how rich is a billionaire? WELL, IF WE TAKE ONE POUND AS EQUAL TO ONE SECOND, THEN £60 IS A MINUTE, £1,600 IS AN HOUR, A MILLION POUNDS IS TWELVE DAYS...AND A BILLION IS THIRTY-TWO YEARS.

For an interesting fruit salad, include in it some Nigerian miracle fruit. It is tasteless on its own but has the power to change the taste of other things. Thus a lemon eaten after miracle fruit can be mistaken for a sweet orange.

In 1890 a man called William Waterhouse stumbled across a hidden cave in Whitfield County, Georgia. Inside, he discovered piles of copper-coated gold bars, most of which were six feet in length. They were too heavy for him to carry away and later, when he returned to the area, he couldn't relocate the cave. Hidden in the heart of an ancient Cherokee Indian gold field, the cave was apparently used as a smelter and storehouse, and its contents today are valued at more than \$10 billion.

Should you want to have a go, you are perfectly within your rights to look for, find, and keep this treasure. For more information on this, and other examples of buried treasure, write to Specialist Publishing Co, PO Box 1355, La Grosse, WI 54602, America. (Publishers of 'US Treasure Atlas' by Thomas Terry.) Finally, everyone should know that writing in biro on the sole of an old slipper is a curiously satisfying thing to do. The slipper surface is soft, yet smooth, and the biro kind of sinks into it in a most pleasing fashion. If you haven't written on the sole of a slipper in biro, then you haven't lived.

If you're looking to buy a new car, call dealers towards the end of the month. If they haven't met their targets they'll sell at a discount to make sure of getting their bonus.

If you're really hungry, don't eat rabbit. Their flesh lacks essential fat and vitamins and depletes the body's own stocks during digestion. Indeed, an exclusive diet of rabbit can actually lead to starvation. On the other hand, starting a meal with soup is a good idea. Soup reaches the stomach faster than solids. It then triggers the release of gastric juices which stimulate appetite and prepare the stomach for solid food.

Every time you get a cold you're actually another step nearer to never having a cold again. This is because every time you come down with a cold your body becomes immune to that particular virus. And since there are only around 100 cold viruses in existence, you will only have about 100 colds in your life. If you think about it, you rarely see old folk with the sniffles.

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NHS is sinking like the Titanic, says BMA chief

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
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THE leader of Britain's doctors declared the health service was in crisis yesterday and demanded a £6 billion injection of funds to stop it sinking "like the Titanic".

Dr Sandy Macara, chairman of council of the British Medical Association, accused ministers of undermining the NHS by year-on-year demands for efficiency savings which could be achieved only by cutting services. On the opening day of the BMA's annual conference in Brighton, Dr Macara clashed with Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, who said on BBC Radio 4 that NHS funding had increased continually since 1979.

Dr Macara said the health service was heading for disaster without major new investment. He called for a boost in funds phased over several years, to bring health spending in Britain up to the average in comparable countries - equivalent to an extra £6 billion.

Dr Macara said: "We can-



Macara said efficiency savings had hit services

not go on doing more and more work for more and more patients with less and less resources... The process has been described as shuffling the deckchairs on the Titanic. We need to change the course of our ship of state - Her Majesty's National Health Service - into more competently charted waters."

A 72-year-old woman with breast cancer, who was told she would have to wait ten weeks for surgery because of the pressure on hospital services, was cited as a symbol of

the parlous state of the NHS. The woman, from east London, finally had her operation in a different area after four weeks when Dr Sam Everington, her GP, pleaded with hospitals across the capital to find her a bed.

Dr Everington, who is an adviser to Harriet Harman, Labour's Shadow Health Secretary, said: "Everyone should be in favour of efficiency savings but in reality it is leading to very real and dangerous cuts in services."

Dr Macara said that over the past 12 years, efficiency savings of 3 per cent a year demanded by ministers have required hospitals to treat more patients at less cost. But the scope for savings was now exhausted and hospitals were having to cut services to meet their targets.

Dr Macara said it was impossible to carry on without disaster striking. Referring to recent cases of seriously ill patients being ferried around the country in search of a vacant hospital bed, he added: "Disaster has struck with a vengeance - at the accident and emergency services, at neurological and orthopaedic services, and at paediatric intensive care beds."

Although the Government had provided extra resources, the demand for efficiency savings had more than cancelled them out for the past three financial years. Last year, for example, a 1.1 per cent rise in resources set against efficiency savings of 3 per cent had resulted in a 1.9 per cent cut.

Dr James Johnson, chairman of the BMA consultants' committee, said efficiency savings were a confidence trick. "The cuts made in hospital beds last year were a direct result of efficiency savings because there was not enough money to keep them open."

Mr Dorrell said that NHS spending this year would rise by £1.3 billion, or £500 million after taking inflation into account.

"The health service is treating more patients with a wider range of care this year than last, and last year treated more than the year before," Mr Dorrell told the BBC Radio 4 Today programme.



Barbara Follett, Labour candidate for Stevenage, second left, at the news conference with her mother Charlotte Hubbard, granddaughter Alexandra and daughter Kim Turner. All the women suffered from pre-eclampsia

Deaths feared from antenatal cuts

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

PREGNANT women and their babies will die if planned cuts in antenatal care go ahead, an expert said yesterday.

Professor Chris Redman, an authority on pre-eclampsia, the commonest complication of pregnancy, said deaths would rise if women were not regularly checked during pregnancy. Many health authorities have already made the cuts.

Pre-eclampsia, a distur-

bance of the circulation caused by a defect in the placenta, affects one in five women having their first baby. In most cases its effects are mild but in severe cases it can cause convulsions, kidney and liver failure and death.

Professor Redman, director of the high-risk pregnancy unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, said that changes in antenatal care recommended by a government report risked putting the clock back to the 1930s when

hundreds of pregnant women died from the condition. A government report *Challenging Childbirth*, published in 1993, recommended reducing the number of antenatal visits from the traditional 14 to nine for a first pregnancy and six for a subsequent one. More than half of health authorities are following the advice.

The recommendation was based on a report by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in 1982, which has since been withdrawn.

Speaking at a news conference organised by the charity

Action on Pre-Eclampsia, Professor Redman said: "It is necessary for women to die in childbirth before the lessons of history are reaffirmed."

Pre-eclampsia kills about seven women a year in the United Kingdom and 1,000 babies. There is no means of prevention and no way of predicting who will be affected but the condition can be detected by regular checks.

The only treatment is delivery of the baby, which may be put at risk because of its prematurity.

Woman sues over 'cancer' blunder

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN is suing two health authorities over unnecessary treatment she had after being wrongly told that she was riddled with cancer.

Joanna Johnson, of Brixham, Devon, is suing Medway Health Authority and South East Thames Regional Health Authority. At the High Court, her counsel, Nicola Davies, QC, told Mr Justice Wright that, after Mrs Johnson's breast had correctly been removed in 1982, her surgeon referred her to the consultant radiotherapist and oncologist Dr David Jenkins at St William's Hospital, Rochester, Kent. Despite being told that a scan had shown no cancerous growths, she diagnosed widespread bone cancer.

Joanna Johnson, 58, had radiotherapy, high-steroid drug treatment and chemotherapy. She suffered chest pains, began vomiting and became weak. Dr Jenkins explained the cancer had affected her liver and spleen. King's College Hospital, where she sought a second opinion, told her there was no sign of cancer.

Mrs Johnson alleges the treatment led to the collapse of five vertebrae; osteoporosis; an artificial menopause; and radiation damage to her hip, femur and lymph glands.

The authorities have admitted the diagnosis was wrong and the treatment "inappropriate", but are contesting whether and to what extent the treatment caused her subsequent illnesses. The hearing was adjourned until today.

Girl, 15, falls 60ft on school walk in mountains

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A GIRL was critically ill with head injuries yesterday after falling into a 60ft gorge in Glencoe, Fiona Bridge, 15, was walking with a fellow pupil and two teachers when she slipped from a path.

Pupils were asked to pray for the four-former at Matthew Moss High School, in Rochdale, Greater Manchester, as her parents waited at her bedside at Glasgow's Southern General Hospital. A hospital spokeswoman described her condition as very serious.

John Grieve, head of Glencoe Mountain Rescue Team, said the path on the

3,276ft Bidean Nam Bian was dry and well-defined. He described the accident as "more or less like falling off a pavement". Ten pupils were visiting the area and staying at a youth hostel. The party had completed their hill-walking activities on Saturday but Fiona and another pupil wanted another walk on Sunday.

They were accompanied by two male PE teachers. They were descending the mountain when one of the adults warned the pupils to take care as the path narrowed. Fiona had acknowledged the warning and made a joke. Minutes later, she stumbled and went over the edge.

One of the teachers climbed down to stay with her while the other ran to the

road to raise the alarm. Medics in the rescue team attempted to stabilise her condition and administered oxygen until a Royal Navy Sea King helicopter arrived. Mr Grieve said the party was well-equipped and there was no need for them to be roped together.

Andrew Raymer, the girl's head teacher, described her as "a bright, active and able student".

A mountain rescue team failed to find any trace yesterday of a British walker missing for ten days in the Austrian Alps. Christopher Broome, 26, a recording technician from Brighton, left a guest house at Bad Ischl to photograph the scenery and has not been seen since.

Witness denies he was the real killer

BY RICHARD DUCE

A MAN cleared of killing a teenage girl 18 years ago denied yesterday that he had "got clean away with murder" by blaming his stepfather.

Fitzroy Brookes is now the chief prosecution witness at the Old Bailey trial of his stepfather, Michael, accused of the 1978 stabbing of Lynn Siddons, 16, at Derby.

Fitzroy Brookes, then 16, was cleared of the murder when a jury accepted his version of events that he was pressured to take part in the killing by his stepfather. Yesterday, cross-examined by Jonathan Goldberg QC, for the defence, Mr Brookes, now 33 and married with three children, denied he had invented the story.

Miss Siddons was a friend who lived in the same street. Mr Brookes, of mixed race, denied she was killed in a sexually induced frenzy after she called him a black bastard as they walked in woods.

He said his stepfather met them and "grabbed her around the mouth. He told me to stab her. Somehow he gave his breakdown to me. I stuck it into her clothing at an angle. I didn't want to hurt her. The knife broke. He told me to use my knife. He got angry. I stabbed her about five or six times in the stomach, not very hard." His stepfather allegedly took the knife and continued the attack. The victim had 43 stab wounds.

His stepfather, 51, denies murder. The case continues today.



Fiona: parents at hospital bedside

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Witness denies he was the real killer

Hard life and low pay take their toll on British women

By IAN MURRAY
COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH women work harder for less money, have more children, head more one-parent families and die sooner than any of their counterparts in western Europe.

A survey of the latest European statistics, published yesterday, shows that they marry earlier and are more likely to divorce than their peers, which is why Britain has the highest level of one-parent families in the European Union.

Even in education they appear worse off, being less likely to go to university than women in any other major European nation except Germany.

The figures suggest that the battle for women's rights in Britain is far from won. Steve Cordingley, of Market Assessment Publications, which carried out the research, said: "Women in Britain certainly seem to be getting a rough deal compared to those in other countries. They may be taking a leading role in things like workers' rights, but they seem to be paying the price for it when it comes to life expectancy."

The average female life expectancy in the EU is 79.4 years, whereas in Britain it is 79. A French woman can expect to live for 81.4 years and a Spaniard until she is 81. In contrast British men have one of the higher life expectancies, 73.6 years, compared with an average of 73 across the EU and 72.6 in Germany. The

Redundant men in their 50s are the main victims of sex discrimination in job recruitment, the Equal Opportunities Commission reports. Last year men outnumbered women by 820 to 805 in such complaints for the first time in the 20 years of the Sex Discrimination Act. The change follows a shift from jobs in heavy industry to part-time, female-dominated work. Once at work, complaints from women outnumber men's.

employment statistics show that British women are easily the most likely to have a job. Compared with an EU average of 55.2 per cent in work, in Britain 65.9 per cent have a job. In Germany, even after unification, the rate is only 60.7 per cent, closely followed by France, where 59.6 per cent of women work. The figure drops to 42.2 per cent in Italy.

British women are much more likely to work part time (45 per cent) than anywhere else in the EU. Part-timers are paid less and tend to be women from poorer households. Whereas full-timers tend to be married to men who work full time, wives of the unemployed or single mothers are likely to be unemployed or at best holding a part-time job.

British women are keenest in the EU to marry. They are the youngest brides, averaging 25.6 years, compared with 26.1 in France and 25.9 across

the EU. They then tend either to have more children than in any other country or, in larger numbers than anywhere else, to have no children at all. The childless couple is the most common type of household in Britain, at 34 per cent. At the same time the British fertility rate of 1.75 children per woman is now the highest in the EU. In Italy only 26 per cent of couples are childless compared with an EU average of 34 per cent and a British figure of 39 per cent.

British women are twice as likely to get divorced than in any of the other countries. Four British marriages in seven end in divorce, compared with an EU average of one in three. This means that the proportion of one-parent families in Britain is again the highest in the EU, with 14 per cent of children being brought up by one adult, compared with 10 per cent in France and Spain. The EU average is 11 per cent.

European Lifestyles (Market assessment Publications Ltd, 4 Crinan Street, London, N1 9SQ; £495)



DANCERS from the Royal Ballet are heading again for a makeshift stage in Africa despite misgivings from the company's management (Dalya Alberghe writes).

After the success of a visit to Kenya two years ago when they performed with local tribal dancers, above, 18 of the company's young dancers are using a fortnight's holiday in August to raise money for Kenya's Wildlife

Dancers leap at African reprise

Service and an orphanage school in Nairobi. They will be presenting excerpts at five engagements and are at pains to say that it is not an official Royal Ballet tour. But Anthony Dowell, the company's artistic director, discourages dancers from performing during a holiday. He prefers

them to rest, as injuries could prevent them from appearing in the next season. Rosalind Eyre, the company's ballet mistress, who is co-ordinating the tour, said that nobody was hurt during the earlier Kenyan tour, although she conceded that dozens of dancers are injured every year. One of

the group's performances will be staged against a backdrop of thorn trees and Mount Kilimanjaro. Ms Eyre described the exhilaration of performing with Masai dancers. "Last time, our boys were lifting their boys, showing them how to do pirouettes."

"They were teaching us how to jump without a pit, bouncing like rubber balls. They are the most charming people, with fantastic rhythm."

TV actresses have to play macho roles



Television actresses are underpaid and forced to play traditionally "male" roles such as prison governors and tough detectives, the actors' union Equities said yesterday. Charlotte Cornwell, Equities vice-president, left, said that "women in a man's world" dramas had done little to improve the image of women in society or to enhance their prospects in the profession. Television actresses earn, on average, 15 per cent less than actors, a report by Dr Helen Thomas, of Goldsmiths College, London, said.

Dogs trapped for month in warren

By PAUL WILKINSON

TWO Jack Russell terriers have been rescued after being trapped in a rabbit hole for almost a month. Gertie, four, and her two-year-old daughter Lillie survived on a diet of worms and rainwater washed down the hole during two thunderstorms.

Pam Ashworth, their owner, had given up hope of seeing the dogs again after she and her husband Grant spent ten days searching without success around Allandale barracks at Topcliffe, North Yorkshire, where the dogs had disappeared.

At home with them at Cold Kirby yesterday, Mrs Ashworth said: "I just cannot believe they managed to stay alive for so long. When they were examined by the vet he said they would have survived just a couple more days before dying."

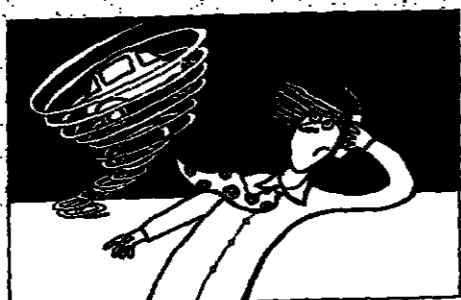
The dogs disappeared on May 23 while playing on land at the barracks' Saddle Club, where Mrs Ashworth is a

civilian horse-riding instructor. She said: "I must have shouted down every rabbit hole but to no avail. We even had the army tracker dogs out sniffing, but with no sign I had just about given up hope."

On June 16, Zeena Parkin, a fellow instructor, was grooming her horse when she heard a faint yelping. She traced it to a hole covered by a large boulder and when she pulled it aside she could hear dogs barking.

She enlisted help from two soldiers who dug 10ft before they reached the animals. Mrs Ashworth, 42, said: "It really is incredible that they have managed to survive so long. Luckily there have been two very heavy thunderstorms so they have had regular drips of water."

"The vet believes they have been eating soil and worms, which are apparently very nutritious. We think they went down one rabbit hole and then got lost in a big warren."



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| Everyday Activities | Reported Relative Risk* | Reported Health Effect | Scientific Study Reference |
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| Non-vegetarian v vegetarian diet | 3.08 | Heart disease | American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, Vol. 31, p. S191 (1978) |
| Frequently cooking with rapeseed oil | 2.80 | Lung cancer | International Journal of Cancer, Vol. 40, p. 604 (1987) |
| Drinking 1-2 glasses of whole milk per day | 1.62 | Lung cancer | International Journal of Cancer, Vol. 43, p. 608 (1989) |
| Eating one biscuit a day | 1.49 | Heart disease | Lancet, Vol. 341, p. 581 (1993) |
| Drinking chlorinated water | 1.38 | Rectal cancer | American Journal of Public Health, Vol. 82, p. 955 (1992) |
| Eating pepper frequently | 1.30 | Mortality | American Journal of Epidemiology, Vol. 119, p. 775 (1984) |
| Exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke | 1.19 | Lung cancer | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1992) |
| High vegetable diet | 0.37 | Lung cancer | International Journal of Epidemiology, Vol. 25, Suppl.1, p. 32 (1996) |
| High fruit diet | 0.31 | Lung cancer | American Journal of Epidemiology, Vol. 133, p. 683 (1991) |

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Greenpeace clashes with Danes in North Sea war

By Gillian Bowditch and Robin Young

DANISH fishermen and Greenpeace activists were involved in violent clashes yesterday in a growing conservation war that is stretching from the North Sea to British supermarket shelves.

The environmentalists claim their vessel was rammed and flares were fired at their dinghies as they protested over the "hoovering" of sand eels from the Firth of Forth. A Royal Navy ship has been sent to the area to keep a watch.

On Sunday four Greenpeace dinghies were attacked with home-made spears and grappling hooks, and four activists who were trying to prevent the fishing were thrown into the water. None was hurt.

Greenpeace says that the fishing, which is legal, is jeopardising sea birds and commercial fish stocks which feed on the sand eels. The eels are used for animal feeds, fertilisers and fish oil for margarine and biscuits. Al-

ready the Co-op, Sainsbury's and Tesco have said they will take all foods containing North Sea fish oil off their shelves. Unilever, maker of four fifths of Britain's margarine, and United Biscuits have said they will stop handling North Sea fish oil in their factories.

Scottish fishermen are concerned that the reduction in stocks of sand eels by industrial fishing boats is becoming so severe that it threatens a further crash in the populations of "table" fish such as cod, haddock, whiting and mackerel, as well as the future of salmon, sea trout, sea birds and sea mammals.

Greenpeace says that out of 700,000 tonnes of the finger-length fish hoovered up in fine mesh nets from the North Sea each year, 115,000 tonnes come from Wee Bankie in the Firth of Forth, the area involved in the current conflict. Factories turning sand eels into fish oil offer £50 to £60 a tonne for the catch.

Yesterday afternoon there

was a stand-off as the fishermen and activists decided on their next course of action, after Greenpeace said that its ship *MY Sirius* was rammed about 9am by the *Mette Eliassen*, one of ten Danish vessels involved in industrial fishing in the area. Phil Aikman, on board *Sirius*, said: "There have been frightening moments. We are determined to continue our action."

A spokesman for the Scottish Office said the Royal Navy vessel *HMS Shetland* had been sent to the area under the control of the Fisheries Protection Agency. It will keep a watching brief on the situation.

Danish industrial fishing spokesmen deny their activities harm cod or haddock stocks. They blame the decline in populations on traditional trawlers.

At present only the sand-eel fisheries around Shetland are regulated. The sandy-bottomed fisheries in the Firth of Forth come under the Euro-

pean Union's Common Fishery Policy, which guarantees equal access to all EU nations. Greenpeace is calling on the Government to introduce regulations and has urged Danish and British fishing vessels to stay at least 30 miles away from the shore. Robbie Kelman, a Greenpeace spokesman, said: "A total of 2.2 million tonnes of fish is taken from British waters each year. Of that, around half is industrial fishing and of that, sand eels account for almost three quarters of the total stock."

Earlier this year the Fifé Fish Producers Association appealed to the Government to limit sand-eel fishing in the Firth of Forth, claiming the livelihoods of 140 fishermen were at risk because of the effects on stocks of white fish for human consumption.

There was also concern yesterday over the Greenpeace tactics. Robert Allan, of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation, said he was aware of the concerns about sand-eel fishing and his organisation was closely monitoring the situation, but the Danish fishermen were fishing legally: "What we are concerned about is an unselected body such as Greenpeace interfering in this way. It could be our turn next."

The central fears of the Greenpeace campaign are shared by other conservation groups. Dr Euan Dunn, a biologist with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said: "Sand eels are the lynchpin of the food chain in the North Sea, yet they are the only fish species for which no limit to the catch has been set."

Commercial fishing of sand eels was banned for four years around the Shetland Islands after the species had been virtually eliminated, leading to successive years of breeding failure among local seabirds. Stocks recovered sufficiently for the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea to allow limited local catches. Sea-bird populations have begun to recover.



Tourists like this group off California will be discouraged from touching whales

Moral censure by Britain angers whaling nations

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

BRITAIN will not back the resumption of whale hunting in the foreseeable future because it is cruel and unnecessary, the Government announced yesterday.

At the opening of the International Whaling Commission's annual meeting in Aberdeen, a minister said for the first time that the worldwide ban was supported on ethical rather than scientific grounds. Japan and Norway, which want immediate resumption of hunting of some species, reacted by calling for Britain's resignation from the commission.

The Government is to press the commission to focus on non-lethal ways of utilising whales, such as tourism. At the meeting, a tough code of conduct for holiday companies running whale-watching trips was put forward.

Britain's announcement yesterday challenged the 50-year-old international treaty intended to govern the management of the world's whale stocks so that they can be "exploited by current and future generations".

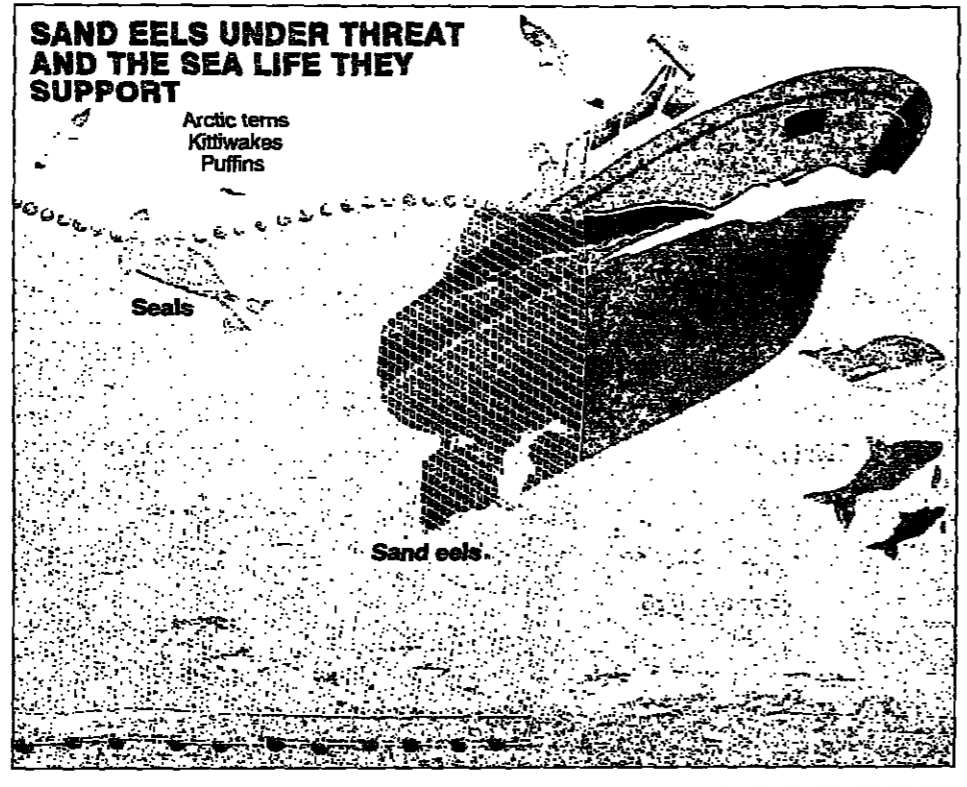
Norway and Japan say that the minke, the smallest of the great whales, is now so abundant that they can be hunted without endangering stocks. Norway's estimate of the minke population in the northeast Atlantic has been accepted by the commission's scientists.

But Tony Baldry, the Fisheries Minister, said: "The Government has now concluded that there are wider reasons for opposing commercial whaling. It meets no pressing nutritional, economic or social needs... the UK does not accept that because

something can be exploited on a sustainable basis, it must be exploited. No one in Norway is going to go hungry if they can't kill whales."

Ivor Llewellyn, the British commissioner, it was doubtful that the minke could be hunted commercially without rarer species being slaughtered mistakenly or illegally. Britain's position is backed by The Netherlands, Australia and New Zealand.

The commission's code of conduct for holiday firms follows evidence that unregulated mammal-watching is altering the behaviour of whales, dolphins and porpoises. Conservationists have backed whale-watching as a money-making alternative to hunting for coastal communities. But it may be interfering with fertility and the animals' ability to forage for food.



SAND EELS UNDER THREAT AND THE SEA LIFE THEY SUPPORT

Shrinking rivers trap thousands of salmon

By Audrey Magee, Ireland Correspondent

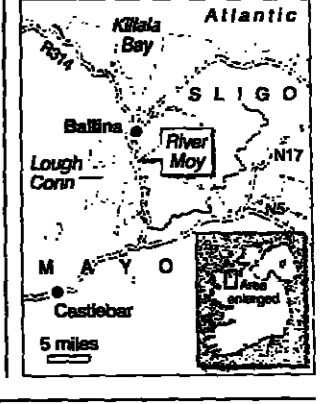
THOUSANDS of wild salmon have been trapped by falling river levels in the west of Ireland.

Dry weather has depleted the Moy, one of Ireland's best salmon fishing rivers, and its tributary, the Deale. Thousands of fish have congregated in the tidal waters at the mouth of the Moy estuary, waiting for heavy rains to raise the water level.

Vincent Roche, chief officer of the North Regional Fisheries Board, said they were keeping a 24-hour watch to protect the fish from poachers.

He estimated that up to 5,000 salmon were trapped in the six-mile estuary between Ballina, Co Mayo, and Killala Bay, where the river reaches the Atlantic. "It is quite a spectacle to see people hanging over the bridges watching the salmon jumping," he said. "Rain was expected this week to allow the fish to return to their spawning grounds in the 63-mile Moy, which rises in the Ox mountains in Sligo. Twenty miles of the river are fished by anglers. The season runs from February 1 to September 30."

The Deale has the additional problem of sink holes, limestone cavities that drain water from the river. Mr Roche said these were helping to put thousands of salmon at risk of death. "If it gets particularly low we would have to fill the holes or divert the flow of the water."



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Airline switches troubled jet after protests

By Harvey Elliott
AIR CORRESPONDENT

AN AIRLINE chartered a replacement jet yesterday after passengers refused to board an aircraft with technical problems.

The McDonnell Douglas DC-10, operated by Excalibur Airways of Derby, was involved in two similar incidents in Orlando two weeks ago when passengers also refused to board.

It was due to fly from Manchester to Orlando on Sunday when it was delayed by a series of problems. The first delay was caused by a cracked windscreen, which was replaced. As passengers began taking their seats, a fault with the anti-skid braking system was discovered. Then, after that was repaired and the jet was taxiing for take-off, the pilot reported a warning light indicating a serious engine problem.

Checks showed this was a false alarm but passengers had to be taken to hotels while engineers tried to trace the problem. A noise curfew in the early hours meant it was impossible to carry out full engine "run-up" tests, so a decision was taken to bring in a replacement aircraft.

Scott Keenan, 28, an accountant from Leeds, said: "Everyone was really worried about getting back on that plane. We said that we wanted them to charter a plane to get us to Florida, and we're very relieved they have."

Tracy Ramsay, of Rochdale, Greater Manchester, who was travelling with her partner, Ged, and her brother and sister, said: "There's no way I would have got back on the plane."

Excalibur praised the pilot and said that he was simply being prudent in not taking off when there were apparent faults. The aircraft's owner, Henry Fabry of Skyjet, said that it was in extremely good condition and had been fully maintained.

New RAF missile will cut risks to crew and plane

By Michael Evans
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT



Portillo: to announce order worth £650m

THE RAF is to be provided with a cruise missile that can be fired 300 miles from the target and still guarantee a direct hit. An order worth £650 million is to be announced by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, next month.

Seven consortiums are competing for the contract to supply the RAF with the missile, although the procurement battle appears to be narrowing to three front-runners, one American and two European — all of them with strong British involvement.

The new conventionally armed stand-off missile, Casom, will greatly reduce the risks faced by RAF frontline bomber crews, who have to release their bombs close to the target.

A single Casom weapon costing an estimated £100,000 to £200,000 will have the destructive power of about three or four of today's 1,000 lb laser-guided bombs, each of which costs £25,000.

The high cost of the new missile will be offset by safety factors. At present, an RAF bombing mission to destroy a hardened target could involve

four aircraft, three armed with 1,000 lb bombs and one equipped with a thermal-imaging laser-designation system to guide the bombs to their target. The pilots must launch the bombs into the "cone" of the laser beam to hit the target.

The aircraft have to launch their bombs from about 15,000 ft, two or three miles from the target, making them dangerously vulnerable to ground-to-air missile attack. The RAF has just taken delivery of a new 2,000 lb Paveway

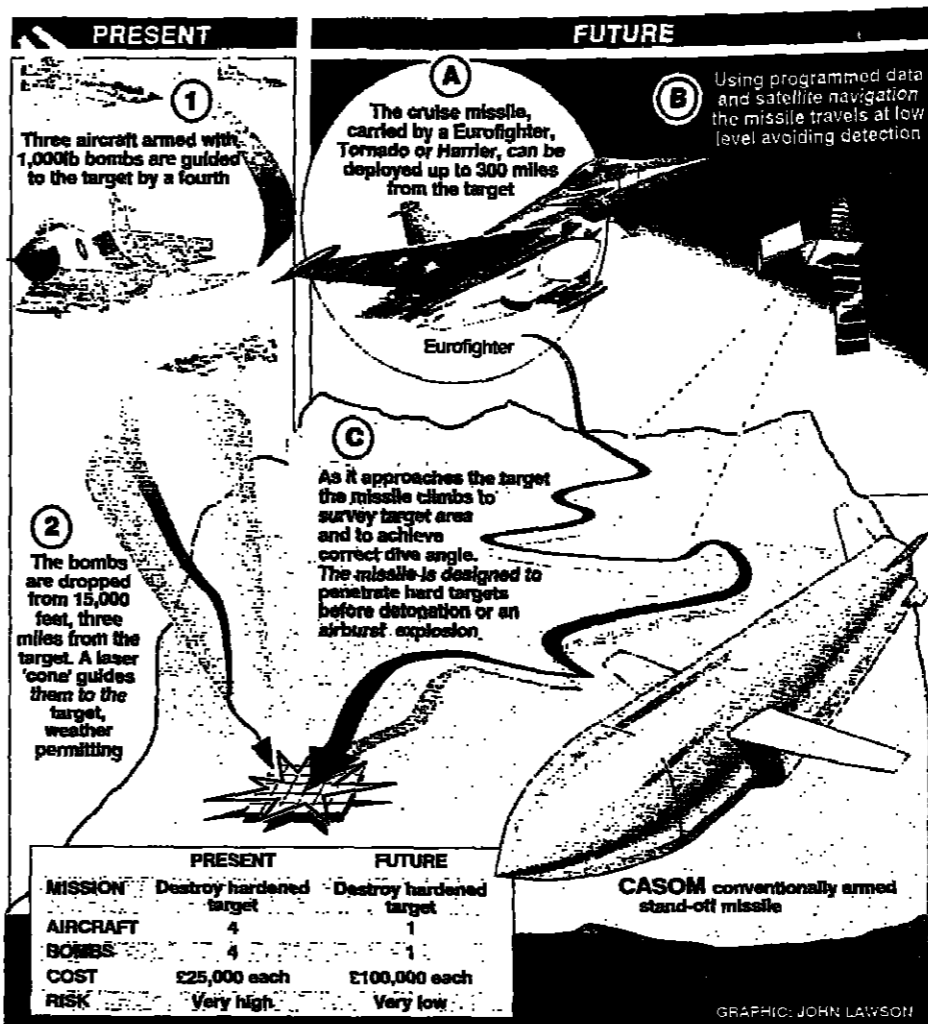
III bomb, which has similar destructive power to a Casom, but it also has to be laser-guided and launched close to the target.

Mr Portillo is under pressure to choose the European option in selecting the winner of the Casom contract.

The favourite appears to be McDonnell Douglas, the giant American defence company, which has teamed up with British companies including GEC-Marconi, Hunting Engineering and Lucas Aerospace, to produce a missile called Grand Slam.

French and German defence companies have formed consortiums with British firms to try to snatch the missile contract from the Americans. The Paris and Bonn governments are keeping a close watch because the whole future of a proposed European defence industry could be at stake.

The two European consortiums seen as the closest rivals to McDonnell Douglas are led by British Aerospace Dynamics in partnership with the French company Matra, offering Storm Shadow, a development of France's Apache missile, and by Daimler-Benz Aerospace with Sweden's Bo-



fors and a number of British firms, with its Taurus missile. The Taurus is believed to be one of the cheapest.

Provided the price is reduced, the British Aerospace-Matra bid is reckoned to have a good chance of winning the contract. Some French defence officials suspect that Mr Portillo will find the American

alternative difficult to resist, especially since McDonnell Douglas is thought to be cutting its price. Last year by approved the purchase of American Apache attack helicopters for the British Army in preference to the Franco-German Tiger.

The other Casom bids consist of a smaller version of the

Tomahawk cruise missile, called Air Hawk, developed by the American company Hughes and Britain's Smith Industries; Pegasus, a system offered by GEC-Marconi; Popeye, an Israeli weapon developed by Rafael; and another American missile proposed by Texas Instruments with Shorts of Belfast.

IRA bomb factory had 60kg of Semtex

Irish police found 60 kilograms of Semtex in a bomb-making factory and bunker uncovered last week. It was disclosed yesterday. The site, on a farm outside Clonsilla, Co Laois, was believed to be the IRA's primary bomb and mortar-manufacturing facility. Home-made explosives, mortars, detonators and firearms were also found. Four men are in custody.

The Semtex haul was four times the amount used in a bomb that failed to detonate in April under Hammer-smith Bridge, west London.

Damages for girl

Hollie Calladine, 8, of Netherfield, Nottinghamshire, whose brain was almost totally destroyed after a mistake by doctors at her birth at Nottingham University Hospital, is to receive substantial damages after a settlement by the health authority.

Store blackmailer

A man who threatened to poison Safeway food unless he was paid £10,000 was jailed for seven years for demanding money with menaces. DNA tests showed that Geoffrey Kirby, 52, of Wolverhampton, had licked the stamp on the blackmail letter.

Looter jailed

A man who stole from a shop damaged in the Manchester bomb blast was jailed for three months by city magistrates. Simon Lees, 24, of Middleton, admitted taking a silver-plated spoon and three soft toys after going past a security barrier.

£10,000 whisky

David Birrell, a Scottish hotelier, has paid £10,000 for one of the three last bottles of Macallan 60-year-old single malt whisky. He said that after recent purchases of the rare whisky by Japanese visitors, he wanted at least one bottle to stay in its homeland.

Death-crash peace patrol had abandoned helmets

By Michael Evans



Private Turner: was serving as Bosnia peacekeeper

THREE British soldiers killed in Bosnia when their armoured vehicle crashed down a slope were not wearing helmets because they were serving as "friendly" peacekeepers, the inquest into their deaths was told yesterday.

The soldiers, from the Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiments, were among eight British peacekeepers in the four-wheeled Saxon which was on patrol along a narrow mountain track with hairpin bends. The inquest was told that the Saxon was loaded with extra supplies, including boxes of more than 2,000 rounds of ammunition for a heavy machinegun.

One of the survivors of the crash,

Sergeant Andrew Panting, who was in command of the Saxon, said there had not been room for the boxes of ammunition to be stowed away and that it might have come loose during the fall. He also said two seatbelts had been missing and his men had not been wearing helmets because they wanted to present a "friendly image".

The death of the three soldiers, Privates Christopher Turner, 18, from Amesbury in Wiltshire, Philip Armstrong, 21, from Bristol, and Martin Dowdell, 19, from Dauntsey in Wiltshire, on September 2, 1994, occurred while the Saxon was patrolling near the Bosnian government-held enclave of Gorazde in eastern Bosnia, where the regiment was based.

Sergeant Panting said: "The Saxons

were the only vehicles that we could use for patrols and the countryside was very mountainous. There were many hairpin bends and you had to use forward and reverse gears. The tracks were too narrow to get through."

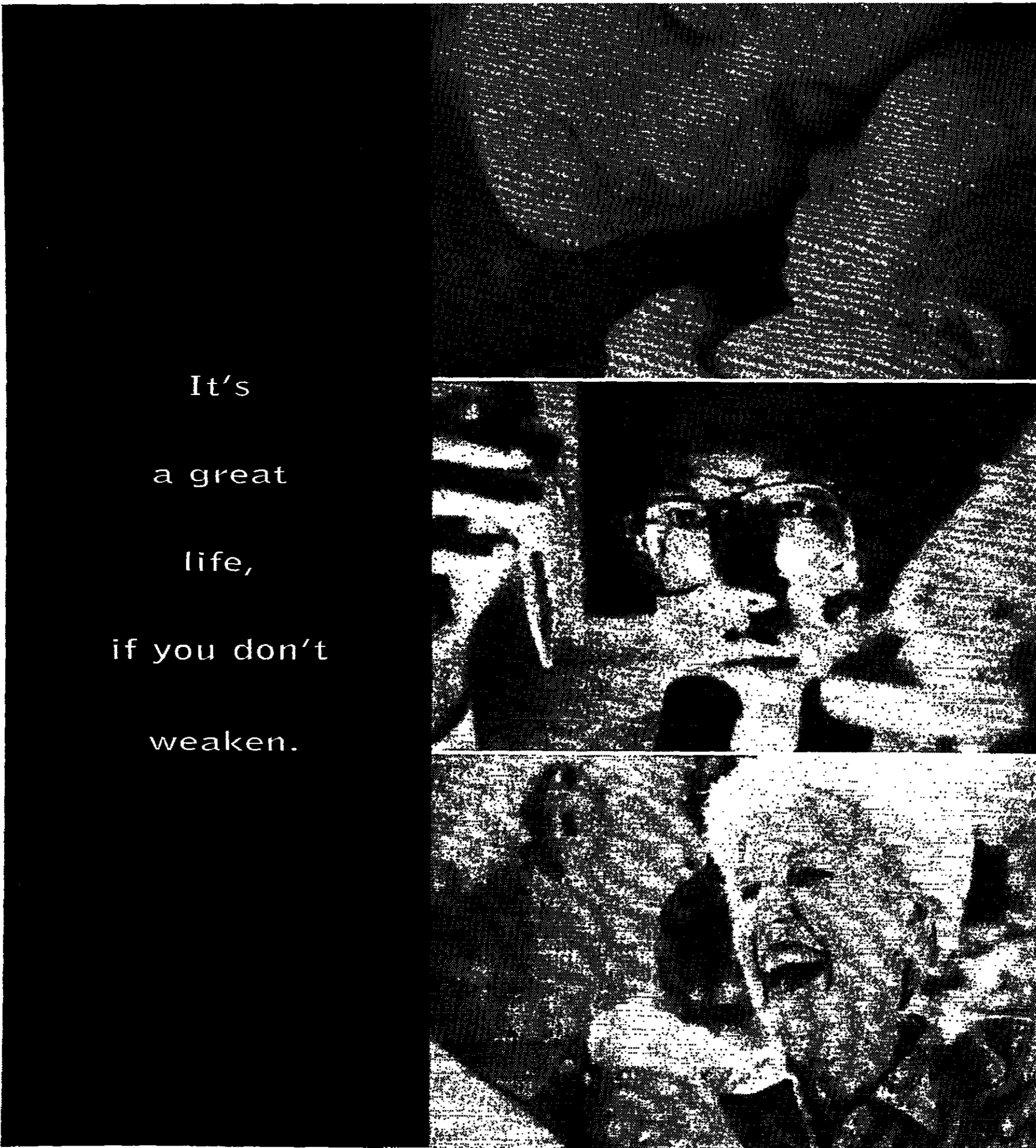
The inquest at Salisbury heard that the Saxon was travelling at only 5 mph when the wheels became stuck in a groove and Private Dowdell, the driver, had difficulty controlling the vehicle. Sergeant Panting told David Masters, the Wiltshire Coroner: "The vehicle was travelling downhill and the track was hard and dusty. The right front wheel got caught in the rut and I felt it acted like a train track and we followed the rut."

He added: "Private Dowdell tried to drive out of it and the motion of getting

out took us on to the bank. The left wheel went on to the bank and put us on an angle. I remember the front left side of the vehicle rising and then we fell on to our side."

He said it seemed like an age before the vehicle moved on to its roof "and at that angle there was no stopping it". "I can remember it rolling three or four times. I was hit on the head and fell unconscious," he said.

The Saxon rolled down the side of the steep mountain before smashing into a deserted building. Sergeant Panting said: "By the time I came to, I was on a grass slope and there was a lot of confusion. I remember someone giving Dowdell first aid and then getting up and shaking his head." The inquest continues today.



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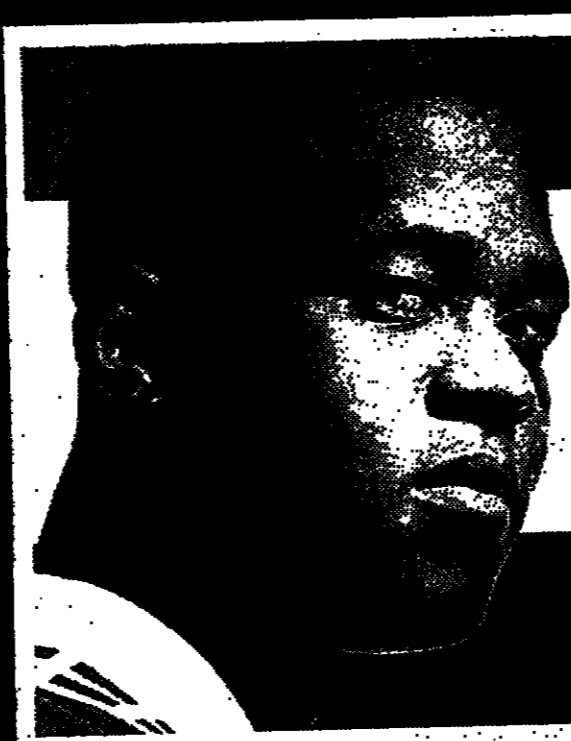
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Labour may offer jobless chance of dole cash 'gamble'

By Jill Sherman, Chief Political Correspondent

THE unemployed would be able to take a business gamble with an advance payment of up to £1,400 in benefits under social security changes proposed by Labour yesterday.

They could be paid a lump sum of up to six months' benefit to set up a business or spend on training courses. But if their business collapsed or they failed to get a job at the end of a training course they would get no further payments for six months.

Under the scheme, outlined yesterday by Chris Smith, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, claimants could end up with different levels of benefit depending on their circumstances. Benefit officers would be assigned to claimants to decide how to spend benefit and training entitlements. A person could choose to keep less benefit for himself and use the rest to supplement his training to increase his chance of finding a job.

Claimants could also choose to put some or all of their benefit towards a financial incentive to prospective employers or towards the cost of childcare.

"The benefit system should be about giving people a hand up, not just a handout," Mr Smith said. "The DSS should be helping people into

jobs, not just dishing out Giro's."

The scheme, designed to curb the £90 billion social security bill, would be piloted in the first year of a Labour government. It was attacked by leftwingers who said that it heralded an end to a universal unemployment benefit and would give more power to social security officers.

Welfare experts also criticised the proposals to remove a safety net altogether from some of Britain's most vulnerable groups.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, said that Labour's policies, outlined in a document called *Getting Welfare to Work*, would "put people out of work and back on welfare". He added: "Labour now mimic Conservative rhetoric about the importance of getting people into jobs. But not only would their policies keep people out of work, they would cost billions of extra pounds."

But Mr Smith predicted that the changes could result in 200,000 people getting jobs within four and a half years, saving the taxpayer £1.8 billion. He emphasised that none of the new measures estimated to cost £200 million would be introduced until the party had secured housing benefit fraud

savings, which are expected to raise £1 billion within a year.

Mr Smith has lost his battle with Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, to extend the six-month entitlement of the jobseeker's allowance. Mr Smith said the benefit would be reviewed and that steps might be taken to remove the disincentive for a working wife to stay in her job if her husband became unemployed. But he added: "There is no public expenditure commitment to restore jobseeker's allowance to 12 months' contributory entitlement."

Mr Smith has borrowed heavily from personalised benefit schemes in Australia and America, where the benefit system is tailored to individual need. He indicated that a Labour government would use the schemes only as a model.

He made clear that Labour could not make the childcare commitments inherent in the Australian Jobs, Education and Training Scheme.

Other proposals in the policy document, which had to be rewritten after it was rejected on the grounds of cost by Labour's economic commission, include a network of one-stop shops for benefits and employment advice, with the aim of a single form for



Chris Smith, right, announcing the scheme with frontbench colleague Peter Mandelson

claiming all major benefits; allowing the long-term unemployed to take occasional jobs without loss of benefit; relaxing the 16-hour limit on further education courses to allow claimants to study for longer without losing benefit; automatic re-entitlement to benefit if a temporary or risky

job ends within six months. Jeremy Corbyn, the left-wing MP for Islington North, said that the flexible system was a great mistake. "Surely if we live in one country then the benefit should be universal in that country?"

Dr Ruth Lister, a member of the Commission on Social Justice, which drew up a report on benefit changes, also had doubts. She gave warning of the potential problems of combining training and benefit. "I think there is a danger of putting the two together if then you're leaving people vulnerable to being left without any money at all."

Reshuffle will not alter poor Tory prospects

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

THE annual reshuffle season has now officially started. Leaks, hints, hopes and rumours are now swirling around Westminster and the press. Some are inspired, others reflect Cabinet infighting — with more than a suspicion of score settling from Conservative Central Office — but most are plain guesses. Nobody, least of all affected ministers, will know until John Major changes his team in a few weeks' time. The one certainty is that the moves will make no difference to the Tories' electoral prospects.

Most reshuffles make no impact on the governing party's standing. If you take party ratings in the three months before and after reshuffles according to MORI's polls for *The Times*, the Tories' share fell in both 1993 and 1994 — for unconnected reasons — and only rose fractionally after last year's reshuffle. There is no great mystery about this. Reshuffles are classic Westminster stories, of consuming interest to the political world but of virtually no significance to the public. With rare exceptions, such shuffles mainly involve MPs and ministers of whom most people have never heard anyway.

The only shuffles which matter for the standing of a Government, or in the public eye, are those which result in a change of policy. The most important was the "Night of the Long Knives" in July 1992 when Harold Macmillan dismissed a third of his Cabinet. The initial impression of prime ministerial panic hurt the Tories, but in the long term, the replacement of the fiscally cautious Setryn Lloyd by the more expansionist Reginald Maudling helped the party two years later to come within a whisker of saving the October 1964 general election.

Next month's reshuffle will not be of this type, despite the Tory Right's fantasy of getting rid of Kenneth Clarke. Not only would this be seen as a probably terminal sign of panic on the part of Mr Major, but there is no subsequent policy shift that could help the Tories. Ruling out membership of a single currency might precipitate an

open revolt by the increasingly disenfranchised pro-European, while a new Chancellor would soon discover how the tight fiscal outlook rules out any but the most cosmetic tax cuts in November.

The only certain changes are the departure of two ministers of state, Tim Eggar and Steve Norris, who have already announced their intention to stand down as MPs at the next election. That will produce a ripple of changes among virtually interchangeable career politicians. At this stage of the Parliament, after a series of reshuffles and resignations, there is not much obvious talent available for promotion.

Mr Major is said to be reluctant to make changes at Cabinet level, and there are none that would make much political or electoral impact. It will presumably be up to Sir Patrick Mayhew whether he steps down as Northern Ireland Secretary this summer ahead of his expected departure from the Commons at the election. And the promotion of Michael Ancram to fill his place would be intended to show continuity of policy.

The main speculation is about Douglas Hogg. It is silly to treat him as the scapegoat for the Government's problems over beef. His reading of the crisis has been shrewder than many of his more excitable colleagues. He may not be a figure for the age of the soundbite, but responsibility goes much wider than him and goes back much earlier than his 12-month tenure at the Ministry of Agriculture. However, there is strong criticism in Whitehall of the department's performance with suggestions that it needs to be reorganised or broken up. But such structural issues are best left until after the election.

The reshuffle will be primarily a matter of party and career management, necessary but not significant, and no solution for the Government's problems.

PETER RIDDELL

Asian businessman wins battle for seat

THE Asian businessman Mohammed Sarwar was declared winner of the re-run Labour candidacy contest in Glasgow Govan yesterday by 82 votes (Gillian Bowditch writes).

The ballot between Mr Sarwar, a millionaire Muslim, and Mike Watson, the MP for Glasgow Central, was the culmination of a bitter two-year battle between the two men that has deeply embarrassed the party and dragged it through the courts.

Mr Sarwar won a resounding victory, polling 279 votes to Mr Watson's 197. A total of

476 party members voted out of a possible 510.

In the first ballot last December Mr Watson, who has been an MP for seven years, won by one vote. There were allegations of vote rigging and 52 votes were disallowed.

Last week Mr Watson, whose Glasgow Central constituency is disappearing under changes by the Boundary Commission, took the party to court hoping to postpone yesterday's ballot and to have 25 voters ruled ineligible. He lost but even if he had succeeded, Mr Sarwar would still have won the vote.

Lang may lift postal monopoly

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

THE Royal Mail could have its monopoly suspended and risk losing business to the private sector if postal workers go on strike again, the Government said yesterday.

Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, issued the warning as leaders of the Communication Workers' Union met Royal Mail managers for talks on averting a second strike. He said that he and his Cabinet colleagues were considering dealing with any further disruption by lifting the monopoly on letter deliveries costing less than £1

to handle. He denied reports over the weekend that he was bowing to pressure from Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister. But close colleagues of Mr Heseltine insisted that he had written to Mr Lang urging him to take tough action.

"Mr Heseltine and I have been in agreement for some considerable time that clearly the mail has to be delivered," Mr Lang said. Making clear that the move would be a "collective" decision by ministers, he said: "It's not Mr Heseltine. That is a fiction."

However, there appeared to be differences between the two ministers over the timing of

any government intervention in the dispute. Friends of Mr Lang said he was adamant that Mr Heseltine should not dictate the running of the department.

Mr Heseltine wants to press the Royal Mail to take a tougher line against postal workers by threatening them with the temporary loss of monopoly on strike days.

However, Mr Lang is looking to use the monopoly card only as a last resort.

He told BBC Radio 4's *The World at One*: "We can't have the public and business being disrupted by repeated strikes, and the lifting of the monopoly could be an option at some

stage if that becomes necessary.

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Heavy euro selling by Bonn to sway a sceptical public

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE German Government yesterday opened its public relations offensive to persuade its stubbornly sceptical citizens that it will be worth abandoning the mark for a single European currency.

An opinion poll published in *Der Spiegel* indicated the depth of opposition to European monetary union and the relative failure of the Government's previous attempts to talk the Germans round: 52 per cent of the country is firmly against the euro.

The advertising campaign is being run by a coalition of the Bonn Government, the European Parliament and the European Commission with a war chest amounting to about £10 million. Posters to be distributed nationwide will carry the slogan "Europe has a future" and will portray the word euro surrounded by 12 stars. A euro "hotline" will try to calm the fears of German savers. Brochures are being run off by the thousand.

The money does not stretch to television advertising but various industrial lobbies and, above all, the big banks are willing to chip in. Public relations specialists are warning the Government, however, that it will be difficult to sell a product that does not yet exist.

Some of the deep German splits over the euro became plain at the weekend during a conference held by the Herrhausen Foundation. Roland Berger, a management consultant, told the gathering of politicians and bankers: "The positive effects of the euro are

being exaggerated out of all proportion." Joachim Süchtling, a Bochum economics professor, expressed doubts that "Germany will ever be able to meet the monetary union criteria".

Wolfgang Schäuble, the Christian Democrat parliamentary leader and right-hand man of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, tried to squash the dissenters with a firm declaration that Germany would never accept relaxation of the entry criteria.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development said last week that budget deficits in Germany and France would be significantly higher next year than required by the Maastricht treaty. Germany says its spending cuts — still struggling through parliament — will bring its deficit into line by the end of 1997.

The key to persuading the Germans that EMU is not

only feasible but also desirable lies with Herr Kohl rather than with the PR experts. The recent visit to Bonn by Tony Blair helped to focus analysts on the subtle changes that have been occurring in Herr Kohl's European strategy over the past year.

First, he has resolved to stand again in the 1998 elections. He evidently wants EMU to be his crowning historical act. Second, he has come to the conclusion that EMU will start on time, and with German participation. The hints of EMU delay from German politicians, so common a year ago, have been dropped. Third, he assumes Mr Blair will be leading a British government which will be in the chair of the European presidency during the critical first six months of 1998.

The Chancellor is adapting his rhetoric accordingly. Now the smoke has cleared from the beef battlefield, he is talking more often of the need for a new German patriotism within Europe. Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, joined the chorus last week with an article calling for a new self-confident Germany. The reason is clear: to carry off the double task of EMU entry and winning the general elections in 1998, the Chancellor has to move to the right and occupy the positions taken by the nationalist-minded defenders of the mark.

This political reorientation, rather than grand advertising campaigns, will be decisive in his battle for the euro.



Kohl: holds the key to winning over sceptics



An injured protester, blood streaming from his face, is led away by a riot policeman during clashes yesterday in the centre of Ankara, the Turkish capital. Murat Bozjak, leader of the Kurdish activist People's Democracy Party, was arrested during

Kurds clash with police

the unrest, as were 30 of his aides. Twenty-two people were injured in the clashes, and Turkish television

showed pictures of police beating participants protesting at the arrests. Three other members of the party were shot dead by a group of ten attackers firing automatic weapons on a road near Kayseri, in central Turkey, local police said. (Reuters)

Zyuganov puts grand coalition offer to Yeltsin

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S Communist Party leader, Gennadi Zyuganov, short of ideas ahead of the run-off of the presidential election against President Yeltsin on July 3, yesterday proposed a "pact of national accord" that would include members of the present Government.

In a belated attempt to develop a more moderate image, Mr Zyuganov released a list of possible members of a coalition government, in which Communist hardliners, such as the former Politburo member, Anatoli Lukyanov, were noticeably absent. He said he would like to see a tripartite government in which one third was drawn from his own "national-patriotic forces", one third came from non-Communists in parliament and one third from the present Government.

After outlining the plan he refused to answer questions, leaving unexplained what role he saw for himself in such a government and whether he would change his mind if he defeated Mr Yeltsin in the second round.

The enterprise smacked of desperation from a candidate, who has to make up a lot of ground to overtake President Yeltsin on July 3. In the first round on June 16 he trailed the President by almost 25 million votes. To add to the Communist leader's woes, Mr Yeltsin has since been endorsed by all the main alternants from the first round, including Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, the eccentric ultra-nationalist, who came fifth last Sunday with 4.3 million votes.

Mr Zyuganov appears to be short of funds and has not produced a single television advertisement throughout the campaign. He has not even announced any campaign trips before the second round.

Mr Yeltsin has outwitted his main rival by appointing the third-placed candidate, Aleksandr Lebed, to his administration and dismissing three powerful hardliners, who were thought to be sympathetic to the Communists and who were obvious candidates for a coalition government.

Mr Zyuganov's decision to appear more moderate and

woo middle-ground voters still looks rather half-hearted. A congenital nationalist, he released a statement entitled "The Fatherland is in danger" last Thursday, which talked about a "fifth column" plotting to take over the country and overthrow Mr Yeltsin.

Another sign of desperation is Mr Zyuganov's habit of praising politicians as potential allies and future members of his government without talking to them. One such was Eduard Rossel, the Governor of Sverdlovsk region, who said he was surprised to hear his name mentioned by Mr Zyuganov and had not been consulted by him.

"I support the actions of the current President and I will do everything to see that Yeltsin is elected for a second term," he said. "I think this all looks like some kind of death agony of the Communists."

Pupils' bonus for silkworms

Moscow: Schoolchildren in Russia's Far East have been mobilised to fight an invasion of silkworms, and are being paid 12p for every jar of the creatures they can collect. An army of silkworms has crawled out of surrounding forests and marched into the city of Amursk, destroying greenery in its path. (Reuters)

Grozny: Lieutenant-General Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, commander of Russian forces in Chechnya, said last night he would begin pulling troops out of the rebellious republic at the end of this week.

News agencies quoted him as saying that the move was unilateral and imposed no new conditions on the separatist guerrillas who have fought the Russian Army for 18 months. "Now the ball is in their court," the general said.

Chechen separatists and the Russian Government agreed at peace talks earlier this month that a withdrawal of Russian forces should be completed by August 30, with the rebels laying down arms at the same time. (Reuters)

Peace brings pilgrims back to village of the Virgin

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN MEDJUGORJE

THE open-air Mass yesterday at the Church of St James in Medjugorje was packed with international pilgrims who came to this Bosnian Croat village to pay homage to a place they believe the Virgin Mary chose to make contact with the world 15 years ago.

The alleged apparitions of the Virgin began on June 25, 1981, when

she appeared to six village children who were playing on Mount Podbrdo above Medjugorje. They say the Virgin asked them to pray for peace. War gripped their country exactly ten years later. The communist authorities who were in power in Yugoslavia at the time denied that the visions had happened, interrogated the local priest and tried to silence the children. But the children said the Virgin Mary kept visiting them every evening, repeating the messages of

peace. The more the local authorities tried to cover up the claims, the more media attention the apparitions received. As word spread, countless believers began to make pilgrimages to Medjugorje.

Since then the sleepy little village situated in the centre of Croat nationalism has grown into a Roman Catholic holy land overflowing with thousands of pilgrims in search of the Virgin Mary. A new church and a shrine to the Madonna were built in

the town and the Franciscan friars who run the Medjugorje parish say that about 20 million people have visited the village.

Their visits were curtailed when war broke out in Yugoslavia five years ago but, with peace in Bosnia and the anniversary of the apparition at hand, the pilgrims are back: 50,000 are expected this week. José Carreras, a committed Catholic, gave a concert in Medjugorje last weekend to mark the anniversary.

The child visionaries are adults now, but four of the six say they still have daily apparitions. Vicka Ivanovic, now 31, delivers her message from the Virgin on the veranda of her mother's house on the 25th of each month. Marija Pavlovic, also 31, is married and living in Italy; she says she still receives messages and sends them by fax to Medjugorje each month. The Franciscans pass on the messages to believers on a World Wide Web site.

EU wheat rules rile dealers

FROM REUTERS IN PARIS

EUROPE'S summer grain harvest is just beginning but international dealers are already in a tug-of-war with European Union bureaucrats over where the much-needed grain should end up.

Farmers in France started to cut barley at the weekend, and wheat should follow in two weeks' time, experts said. But grain houses are peeved that their exports to other continents, where demand is soaring and prices high, are likely to be chopped again this year because European consumers are being served first.

"We have seen our exports drop 40 per cent this year and now in Brussels they are telling us it will happen all over again. It is quite absurd," a French grain exporter said yesterday.

The EU, the world's biggest wheat producer after China, began taxing wheat in December to discourage exports as drought in other parts of the world threatened a run on EU wheat despite sky-high prices. Yet the policy started a brawl over supplies that seems certain to continue throughout the rest of 1996.

Dealers are furious that more and more wheat is being held back to be fed to animals inside Europe, while the business of shipping wheat to make bread in developing countries becomes more difficult due to the red tape of export controls.

"Brussels is interfering with the market in a scandalous way," said a senior international trader who asked not to be identified. In America, there are fears that the EU's policy will increase hardship for livestock producers in an election year by keeping grain prices high worldwide.

EU ministers meeting in Luxembourg on Monday will debate changes to farm regulations to ensure that farmers have less incentive to hoard grain when supplies are tight. That will infuriate French farmers who deny they have anything to do with the grain price explosion in the past year.

Hungary notes Biro

Budapest: Hungary is paying a belated tribute to Jozsef Laszlo Biro, the inventor of the ballpoint pen. An exhibition of his life opened in Budapest yesterday.

Biro — who was born in Budapest in 1899 and died in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1985 — created the most famous of his more than 100

inventions when, as a journalist in the 1930s, he noticed that the ink in his fountain pen often dried up. Then, in a Budapest printing shop, he saw an ink that dried on contact with paper. Six years later the Biro was born, and in 1944 he sold the manufacturing rights in the United States for about £1.3 million. (AP)



Biro: sold rights in US

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Rogue copper trader held by Japanese authorities

By Robert Miller YASUO HAMANAKA, the Sumitomo trader held responsible for gambling away \$1.8 billion while speculating on the global copper markets, is being held in a "safe house" by the Japanese authorities.

spirited Mr Hamanaka to a safe house for an extensive debriefing before news of his 10-year dealing spree became public. It is understood that Mr Hamanaka, known as Mr Five Per Cent - a reference to the share of the world copper market he controlled - has not been arrested or formally charged.

extradition petition. A senior SFO source said last night: "We want this case to be seen as a model of international co-operation between investigating authorities."

not routed direct through the London Metal Exchange, but via offshore centres such as Guernsey. It appears that experienced copper dealers realised what Mr Hamanaka was doing and sought to make profits by being one step ahead of him, which is not necessarily a criminal offence.

Woolwich raises flotation stakes

By Robert Miller THE WOOLWICH Building Society, which plans to become a £3 billion bank next year, yesterday moved to put its stock market flotation back on course by naming John Stewart as new group chief executive.



John Stewart, described by the man he replaces at the helm of the Woolwich society as "the only sensible appointment that could have been made"

He will replace Peter Robinson, who left the third-largest building society abruptly in April over allegations that he misused society perks and abused expenses. Mr Stewart, 47, the Woolwich's group operations director, immediately moved to raise the price for any potential bidder by stating that anyone who wished to buy the Woolwich would have to pay "an arm and a leg".

PowerGen ready to back down

By Christine Buckley POWERGEN is poised to back down on a challenge to the electricity regulator over the £450 million sale of power stations. The company had said the sale of the power stations to Eastern, demanded by the regulator to increase competition, was in doubt until it got "regulatory certainty" about industry development after the Government's veto of its takeover of Midlands Electricity.

Hinchliffe's shoe shops draw interest

By Jason Nisse PRICE WATERHOUSE, administrator of the three Stephen Hinchliffe companies that bought the Freeman Hardy Willis and Saxone shoe-shop chains from Sears, have received more than 100 expressions of interest in the businesses.

Eurotunnel licence extension in doubt

By Sarah Cunningham EUROTUNNEL's embattled management was dealt a new blow yesterday when the Department of Transport said that the British Government could see no public interest in extending its operating licence.

Sugar considers cashing in his chips at Amstrad

By Jason Nisse ALAN SUGAR, who founded Amstrad, the electronics group, 28 years ago, is considering selling out to Psion, the hand-held computer maker, in a £200 million deal.

Sugar: 34 per cent stake

The Times has been told by well-placed sources that David Potter, Psion's chairman and chief executive, is considering an offer for Amstrad. Any deal would need the agreement of Mr Sugar, who owns 34 per cent of Amstrad's shares.

Tribunal rejects pension claims

By Marianne Curphey HOPES that 60,000 part-time workers would share up to £95 million in backdated occupational pensions were dashed yesterday when an employment tribunal failed to uphold most of their claims.

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Ministers ready to open Post Office to fuller competition

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE Government is ready to take a significant step towards further liberalisation of Britain's Post Office by supporting a European move towards freeing up large commercial mailings.

Ministers are preparing to approve an important relaxation across Europe of regulations governing the operation of the UK and other postal services. European postal ministers will meet on Thursday, and with Britain's support are expected to approve proposals that will provide for much fuller competition on bulk mail services - direct commercial mailings, which are a highly lucrative part of postal services, especially in the UK.

Despite the change, ministers believe the Post Office will remain advantageously placed to retain its bulk mail trade. But Labour will argue that the move amounts to "backdoor privatisation". Labour will maintain that the Post Office

will be left with responsibility for traditional postal areas, providing an opportunity for "cherry-picking" by commercial carriers which could not compete in providing a comprehensive mail service.

The expected move in Europe this week is only the most notable signal of a greater willingness within government towards giving the Post Office greater freedom.

Moves towards any change in the Post Office's letter monopoly for all letters under £1, which ministers are considering in the light of the current postal strikes, also fit into this liberalising regime.

While ministers will not make any immediate moves towards any suspension of the monopoly on the basis of last week's 24-hour strike by postal workers over pay, productivity and working patterns, they believe that if this week's planned one-day stoppage on Thursday is followed by others

or extended into longer strikes, they will come under irresistible pressure from business for the monopoly to be suspended.

Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, confirmed yesterday that suspending the monopoly is an option, but he dismissed as "fiction" suggestions that Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, had instructed the Department of Trade and Industry to consider the issue.

Mr Lang said: "I haven't had a letter from Mr Heseltine, saying 'I hope you are preparing to suspend the monopoly', as I read in the newspapers."

Speaking on BBC radio, he said that suspending the monopoly would be "a fairly strong measure to take, but we have an obligation to ensure the mail is delivered". He added: "If it comes to that, it's something I would not yet be willing to rule out."



Ken Brundell helped Shorts Brothers to overcome the serious blow of Fokker's collapse

Shorts survives Fokker failure

SHORTS BROTHERS, the aerospace and defence company based in Belfast, yesterday insisted that although the collapse of Fokker, one of its main customers, was a serious blow, it was not a threat to survival (Eileen McCabe writes).

Shorts, which is owned by Bombardier, of Canada, reported a rise in annual pre-tax profit

to £33.8 million in the year to January 31, from £29.2 million in the previous year. However, operating profit dropped to £33.9 million from £36.6 million in spite of a rise in turnover to £391 million from £353 million.

Shorts, where Ken Brundell is vice-president, shed more than 1,000 staff in March after the Dutch aircraft maker collapsed.

KPMG is sued over collapse

By Jason Nisse

KPMG, the accountants, are facing a £10 million legal claim from Electra Fleming, the venture capital group, over its role in an Irish leasing company that collapsed nearly three years ago.

KPMG's Irish arm were the auditors to Cambridge Group, which went into receivership with £80 million of debts in September 1993. This was just 17 months after Electra ploughed £10 million into the company through buying convertible bonds, a deal investigated for Electra by KPMG's London office.

After the collapse the bonds proved to be worthless. Now Electra is claiming that KPMG should have known about the problems in the company at the time of the £10 million investment. It is suing both the London and Dublin offices of the accountants. A KPMG spokesman said they would "defend the writs forcefully".

Cambridge was one of the most influential companies within Ireland before its collapse, owning a video distribution chain called Xtra-Vision and a stake in the Republic's second largest bookmaker.

Nabisco to cut global staff by 8%

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

NABISCO HOLDINGS, the US snacks and foods group, is cutting 4,200 jobs, about 8 per cent of its global workforce, in a major restructuring costing \$428 million.

Although the company is not planning to shut any US factories, it will close several overseas. The job cuts will be spread evenly among its 54,000 workforce, it said.

John Greeniaus, chairman and chief executive, said that the group was undertaking "several fundamental changes that will allow Nabisco's operating companies to move faster, at significantly lower costs". He did not say how much the restructuring was expected to save, but said that savings would be invested in core activities and new products.

Introduction of new products, and increasing competition, have forced Nabisco's costs up dramatically.

The restructuring operation will eventually benefit the intended spinning-off of Nabisco Holdings from its owner, RJR Nabisco, which holds 80.5 per cent of the food company. The aim is to split the tobacco side from the food side.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Year-old biotech company to float

A BIOTECHNOLOGY company formed last year hopes to be worth as much as £30 million when it joins the Alternative Investment Market next month. Alzyme, a Cambridge business working on drugs to treat obesity, will have about 15 staff. The drugs it will develop are licensed from other companies and researchers, and it will use the laboratories of partners and contract research firms.

The company hopes to raise £12-15 million from a placing which looks set to make Andrew Porter, a former UBS analyst, a paper millionaire. Mr Porter, founder and chief executive, will own about 10 per cent of the enlarged company.

UniChem joint venture

UNICHEM, the pharmaceuticals and healthcare company, has formed a joint venture with United Drug, Ireland's largest pharmaceuticals distribution group, to distribute drugs to wholesalers in the UK. The joint venture, called UniDrug Distribution Group, is equally owned by the two partners and will also provide order processing and warehousing services. UniChem, whose bid for Lloyds Chemists has been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, said the new business would require "minimal" new investment.

Saab capital boost

SAAB, the troubled Swedish car manufacturer, will receive Kr3.48 billion (£341 million) over the next two years from joint owners General Motors and Investor AB, the Swedish investment group. Investor and GM will each provide half the capital. GM will have the option to buy some or all of Investor's shares in Saab in 1999 and 2000. If that option is not exercised, Investor can sell up to half its shares to GM in 2000. Saab reported a Kr333 million pre-tax loss in the first quarter of 1996. In 1995, it earned profits of Kr148 million.

Irish output rises

INDUSTRIAL production in Ireland increased by 0.3 per cent in the three months to February 1996 compared to the previous three months, according to seasonally adjusted figures released by the Central Statistics Office yesterday. Production in the manufacturing sector over the same period showed no change. However, the seasonally adjusted figure for production in the manufacturing sector for February 1996 was down 7.9 per cent on the same month last year. Janet Bush, page 33

Morgan Stanley deal

MORGAN STANLEY, the US investment bank, is buying one of America's biggest fund management operations for \$745 million. The acquisition of Van Kampen American Capital will increase assets under management at Morgan Stanley to nearly \$160 billion. The deal consists of cash and \$25 million in exchangeable preferred securities. Morgan Stanley is also taking on up to \$430 million in long-term debt. The sum of equity purchase price and outstanding debt will not exceed \$1.175 billion.

Unigate acquisition

UNIGATE, the food and distribution group, has bought the pork processing business of H. Hargrave & Co, of Spalding, Lincolnshire, for £18 million. The business employs nearly 700 people. Last year, 65 per cent of its £93.5 million total sales were in the UK, with the balance in Japan, Korea and continental Europe. In the year to September 30, operating profits were £2.1 million. Net assets on completion are estimated at £20 million. Hargrave will be part of Unigate's Malton subsidiary, Britain's leading pigmeat processor.

Fisher buys plants

ALBERT FISHER, the food production and distribution company, has agreed to pay £11 million for two frozen vegetable processing plants owned in Britain by Frigoscandia of Sweden. More than 90 per cent of the throughput of the plants at Grimsby, Humberside, and King's Lynn, Norfolk, originates from Albert Fisher's frozen foods subsidiary. Net assets of the acquired businesses was £13.3 million at the end of 1995. Operating profits before exceptional items was £1.2 million last year.

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Unit trust investment falls
Net new investment in unit trusts in May fell to its lowest level in 18 months after two successive sales months.
Net new investment in the £100 US unit trust was £1 million, against £1 million in April, the Unit Trust Investment Fund said.
Retail investors have helped unit holders add £1 million last month to £1 billion in total.
RGC bid
Renison Gold has indicated the intention to acquire the mining group in the US. Renison has a 30 per cent controlling stake in the million for US general sand production bought in 1994 from Gen Africa, which is its remaining stake. No higher offer.
Irish jobs
The Industrial Authority promotes investment in Ireland in the creation of jobs in 1996. It is supporting companies, together with 90,000.
Willis sale
Willis Corroon, an insurance broker, is being bought by Consumer Benefits Insurance Company, Nashville, Tennessee. Global US investment is \$32.3 million.
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Insurers circle, ahead of float Few clues on Eurotunnel's refinancing Questions for the Sears chairman

Weapons in the Woolwich arsenal

TO QUOTE Shaw's ever-useful phrase, the Woolwich has settled the principle and is now merely negotiating over the price. By appointing a head-carrier with a safe pair of hands and not much more to lead the way towards the stock market, the building society has as much as ensured that it never actually gets there.

So all that was left to John Stewart yesterday was to emphasise just how expensive it would be to deflect the society from that course. This is all well and good, because if a buyer emerges, then the proceeds should be maximised.

The assumption had been that the Woolwich would tempt some corporate finance or the middle-ranks of a FT-SE company board to continue the work done by Peter Robinson before his sacking. The non-appearance of such a character suggests that the jobs market, too, has taken the view that the company will never achieve quoted status. Mr Stewart is an effective manager who has done a number of useful corporate strategy jobs at the society over the past decade, but he has never been accused of being charismatic — quite the opposite, to judge from recent City presentations.

There are sufficient potential buyers among the big insurers attracted by the society's 500 branches through which to market their products. The shake-up in insurance that has been promised for years and was one of the main forecasts made by those clever market strategists for 1996 is little advanced, the Royal/Sun Alliance merger excepting. Any of the big continental insurers would leap at such an easy and immediate, if expensive, entry into the British market. But the betting at the moment, BAT having put itself out of the frame, is that they will be beaten by the Royal Bank of Scotland or more likely the Prudential, keen to put past misdeeds behind it. "We're with the Woolwich" certainly has a more reassuring ring than "We're with the Pru, and we've already mis-sold to you once."

Floated, the Woolwich is worth £3 billion. As a takeover candidate, add on £1 billion plus, and the decision by appointing an insider to put the society up for an effective auction can only

serve to increase that figure. Lucky old Woolwich members. But what of Mr Robinson, whose departure prompted the auction? Still, at 54, relatively young, his negotiation of a settlement with the Woolwich allows him to leave with only a small and none-too-colour-fast stain on his character, and he will presumably re-emerge in the usual way somewhere on the financial services scene. But will he have to wait out his gardening leave?

Further extension to the Tunnel

A GOVERNMENT that has no compunction about selling off nuclear power by keeping all the downside in the public domain has no right to lecture anyone about taking the long view on public assets.

One way to ease Eurotunnel's cash crisis might be to extend the life of the franchise to operate the tunnel. This runs to 2052, which might seem long enough, but it contrasts with the 1,000-year

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reign offered to the operator of the fast rail link between London and Dover. The French have already accepted the idea, but Whitehall is dragging its feet. An extension would make the job of those trying to close the gap between the banks and the Eurotunnel board easier because it would add to the value of the project and allow the extension of those Eurotunnel loans that must needs be repaid by the end of the franchise period.

Thus investors, who will in due course include the banks, will either have lower interest bills or the prospect of a longer debt-free period once these are repaid — and all at no cost to the

British taxpayer for half a century. Eurotunnel's debt currently costs the best part of £1 billion a year to service, so even a modest improvement in rates would have an effect.

As it is, Sir Alastair Morton and his French counterpart Patrick Ponsolle will need all their skills at stonewalling at Thursday's annual meeting, because there will be little to report on either franchise extension or debt restructuring. Eventually the banks will end up with 30 to 60 per cent of the equity — this is the spread, and expect a result hang in the middle. Only then can the shares be valued in any rational way, which makes recent price rises baffling. Take the train, by all means, but avoid the shares.

An investor writes...

Dear Sir Bob Reid,
Today you preside over your first annual meeting as the Sears chairman. As supporters of effective corporate gov-

ernance, we both hope the questioning will be vigorous and to the point. But should the shareholders miss anything, here are a few issues we think they should address:

Your annual report refers in three places to selling the Freeman Hardy Willis and Saxone chains, saying once that losses have been eliminated and twice that the businesses have been sold. Given all we now know about your dealings with Stephen Hinchliffe and Fasia on these two disposals, and the £25 million bill you face to cover further losses on the sale, don't you wish that you had not rushed into print so quickly?

You paid bonuses to all your executive directors last year — and one, Roger Groom, received the maximum he was due. Given the company lost £119.7 million last year, could you please elaborate on the mathematical basis for these payments?

To what extent did your people check out Mr Hinchliffe's background before doing business with him?

Did they not ask themselves, as many other people did at the time, where all his money was coming from?

Liam Strong, your chief executive, was taken on to tackle the problem of British Shoe Corporation. How happy are you with the progress made so far and how on earth is he going to get rid of your shoe shops now. And at what cost?

You have vigorously defended Mr Strong against mounting criticism from shareholders. What can he do to allow them to share the confidence you have in him? Over what timescale? And what happens to him if he does not achieve this?

Quick on the trigger

SOUTHERN WATER may have rolled over and surrendered to the £1.7 billion offer from ScottishPower, but there must be some doubt whether such a surrender was the best for shareholders. ScottishPower's innovative offer was for £10.50, or £11 if another bidder emerged, which implies that the Scots were happy to stump up another 50p if necessary. So should Southern not have held out to the last, in the hopes of another offer that triggered the extra payment?

Unit trust investment falls back

Net new investment in unit trusts in May fell to its lowest level in six months after two successive record sales months.

Net new investment in the 1,660 UK authorised unit trusts was £621.2 million, against £1.1 billion in April, the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds said yesterday.

Retail investors, who have helped to increase unitholder accounts to 7.4 million, contributed £573 million last month, against £1 billion in April.

RGC bid

Renison Goldfields Consolidated, the Australian mining group in which Hanson has a 39 per cent controlling stake, has bid £41 million for Cudgen, a mineral sand producer. RGC bought 19.9 per cent of Cudgen from Gencor, of South Africa, which is to sell RGC its remaining 30 per cent if no higher offer arises.

Irish jobs

The Industrial Development Authority, which promotes inward investment in Ireland, assisted in the creation of 11,500 jobs in 1995. The authority is supporting 940 companies, together employing 90,000.

Willis sale

Willis Corroon, the insurance broker, is to sell the Consumer Benefit Life Insurance Company, of Nashville, to Gerling Global US Investments for \$32.3 million.

Sun Life's shares at discount on grey market

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

SHARES in Sun Life & Provincial Holdings (SLP) closed at 232p yesterday, down 3p on the opening public offer price, in heavy turnover of 40 million shares on the first day of the grey market.

In total, 224 million shares have been placed with institutional investors, and analysts said the issue had been two to three times oversubscribed. Official trading starts on July 2.

The public offering had been priced at 235p, with a value of £526 million.

A number of investors who had received their full allocation were thought to have taken the opportunity to sell part of their stock.

The placing capitalised SLP at £1.3 billion. It is the first in a line of personal financial services companies preparing to come to the market.

Three building societies — Northern Rock, Woolwich, and Alliance & Leicester — have announced their intention to float. Friends Provident, the mutual life insurer, is believed to be contemplating a flotation after having considered approaches from potential buyers during the past few months. Norwich Union is undergoing a review of its strategy. Some in the City question the wisdom of so many flotations in so short a time and say that both life and

general insurance sectors are overcrowded.

The flotation netted SLP's parent company, Union des Assurances de Paris, France's second-largest insurer, a total of £4 billion and triggered a capital gain of more than £120 million. It retains a 60 per cent stake in the company.

Analysts gave the company a mixed welcome: some said it could underperform in its sector, dragged down by a high level of debt and less successful parts of the business. The company comprises Sun Life, the fourth-largest life insurer in sales terms after Standard Life, Prudential and Equitable Life; Provincial Holdings, the general insurer; and New Ireland, a life and pensions provider in the Republic of Ireland.

Robert Fleming, SLP's advisers, have the option to release an extra 33 million shares in the market, which would increase the total value of the sale to £605 million.

About 95 per cent of the shares on offer went to institutions, with a core of 60 firms, mostly British, taking the majority of those.

Michael Hart, chief executive, said the shares would be a long-term investment, and that there were signs that the life insurance market was starting to pick up.



Model performance: from left, BTP's John Kettleley, Steve Hannam and Rob Martin

BTP ready to spend £100m

SHARES in BTP, the speciality chemicals group, raced ahead yesterday after it reported a higher profit rise and said it had up to £100 million to spend on acquisitions (Sarah Cunningham writes).

Profits before tax and exceptional gains for the year to March 31 rose 19 per cent to £44.5 million. The group has gearing of 7 per cent and has made only minor purchases since raising £52 million through a rights issue in February last year. Steve Hannam, chief executive, said nothing was imminent, but added: "We have a strong balance sheet and we continue to look."

BTP, whose chairman is John Kettleley and whose finance director is Rob Martin, will pay a final dividend of 7.35p, making a full-year dividend of 11.2p. The shares closed up 16p at 294p.

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Coleman reshapes HoF management

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

JOHN COLEMAN, chief executive of House of Fraser, has moved to silence the company's critics by announcing a shake-up of its management.

Two key merchandising directors have been appointed, and Tony Hancock, operations director, is leaving and being replaced by Stephen Hibbert, formerly of Texas Homecare.

Mr Hancock, who was seen as a close ally of Mr Coleman's predecessor as chief executive, Andrew Jennings, will be leaving "to pursue his private interests", the company said. Mr Jennings was ousted in March, shortly before the

company announced a 50 per cent fall in full-year profits.

Mr Hancock is expected to be paid to the end of his 364-day rolling contract, which should mean he receives about £150,000 from the company.

Mr Hibbert is a former operations director of Texas Homecare and of Dorothy Perkins and worked with Mr Coleman in both businesses.

Ann Gordon joins House of Fraser from Littlewoods to be merchandising director for clothing, accessories and cosmetics. Rob Green joins from Selfridges to be merchandising director for kitchen and dining ware and furniture.

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Westmount aims to strike Falklands oil

By CARL MORTISHED

WESTMOUNT ENERGY, the oil minor which floated on the Alternative Investment Market last October, is dipping its toes into exploration, taking a 20 per cent share in a Falkland Islands oil company. Desire Petroleum is a private vehicle backed by 100 Falkland Islanders. Desire has a 20 per cent interest in a consortium, headed by Lasmo, which is bidding for acreage in the Falklands oil licensing round, due to close next month.

Desire is raising £5.5 million, of which Westmount's share is £1.375 million, over four years on the basis that the consortium wins a licence and

incurs drilling costs. Westmount's initial investment will be £137,500, amounting to a quarter of the start-up costs of Desire. Greenwich Resources, the quoted energy company, has also taken a 20 per cent stake in Desire.

Derek Williams, chairman-designate of Westmount, is excited about the prospects for oil in the Falklands. "It's a risky investment, but the rewards could be enormous," he said.

The Falkland Islands Government launched its licensing round in October, attracting interest from leading oil companies, including Shell, Amerada Hess, British Gas and Lasmo.

Tullow rights issue to fund exploration

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

TULLOW OIL, the Irish oil and gas exploration company, has announced a one-for-five rights issue to raise Ir£29.5 million.

The new funds will be used to finance the exploration and appraisal of 14 new gas wells in Pakistan and eight new wells in Syria, Senegal, Britain and the Czech Republic over the next two years.

company also hopes to establish new exploration and production ventures in India.

The issue, which is fully underwritten by Riada Corporate Finance, will be based on one new share for every five held at Ir£7.75p.

In April, Tullow reported a 47 per cent rise in 1995 turnover to Ir£3 million and annual profits of Ir£1.19 million, giving



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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Brokers seek answers as BTR shares hit a low

BROKERS looking for answers to the problems besetting BTR, the industrial conglomerate, came away empty handed from a show-down with the company.

As if to underline the problem, the shares ended 1p cheaper at 25p, matching its low for the year, as BTR began a series of meetings with City firms. The price has been in steady deterioration during the past six months falling from a peak of 337p.

Brokers will want to know why the group's disposal programme is taking so long. They will also be no doubt keen to ask Ian Strachan, chief executive, what plans are afoot to halt the slowdown in earnings growth. Reports at the weekend suggested he may be forced to cut the dividend, although the company's own broker BZW is continuing to forecast an increase in the payout from 14.69p to 15.5p.

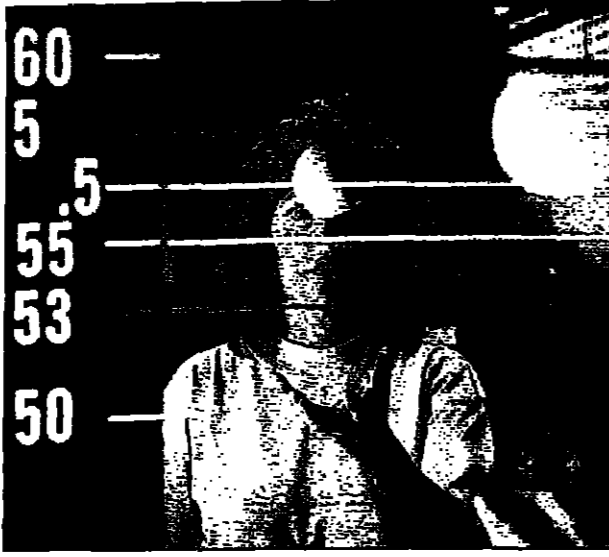
BTR's dividend bill is usually around £600 million with a further £300 million earmarked for the warrants. Dealers say this provides an unwelcome drain on the company's already hard-pressed cash resources.

The rest of the equity market began trading in narrow limits, struggling off an opening gain of more than 30 points in the Dow Jones industrial average on Wall Street. After an early mark-up, prices in London soon began drifting lower on lack of institutional interest. The FTSE 100 index closed at its low for the day, down 11.5 at 3,710.8 on total turnover of less than 600 million shares. Brokers fear that a sell-off may be on the way with the index soon testing the 3650 level.

BSE/BSE *firm* 1p to 423p and Granada 3p to 87p as shares in both companies began trading on the London International Financial Futures Exchange, but the new contract on the list of 100 companies all rang into profit-taking. United News & Media fell 3p to 71p, Orange 6p to 237p, and Next 7p to 58p.

British Boreas was a firm market, climbing 20p to 57p on the back of a recommendation from James Capel, the broker. Lloyds Abbey rose 5p to 52p as Credit Lyonnais Laing gave the shares a helping hand.

Asda filled 1p to 118p ahead of full-lyp figures on Thursday that are expected to see profits top £300 million.



Shares in BTR matched the year's low after falling 1p

But high-flyer British Biotechnology tumbled 10p to £24 ahead of figures later this week expected to reveal further losses.

Celsis International has been giving a rundown of prospects to institutional shareholders. The shares responded by rising 6p to 122p.

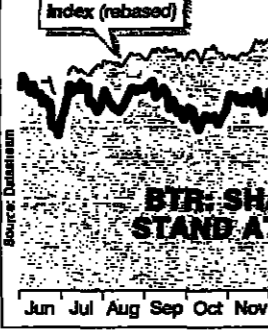
The brewers were marked lower as the recent euphoria

Robert Quarta, chief executive at BBA, is still confident about the future despite failing to win control of Lucas. The group has flown a party of brokers to Sweden to look at the Scandinavian operations of Holvik, the group it bought last year for £250 million. The news should be positive. The shares firmed 2p to 315p.

over the boost to sales from Euro 96 quickly evaporated. Kleinwort Benson and Lehman Brothers have both expressed renewed fears about pressure on margins. Whitbread slipped 2p to 71p. Scottish & Newcastle 5p to 66p and Bass 3p to 81p.

Amersham International jumped 2p to £10.18 as brokers reported a cross in 1 million shares at a substantial

discount of 3p. By the close of business, more than 36 million had changed hands. Mirror Group was hit by a broker's profit downgrading with the price ending 4p lower at 209p. Lorna Tilsian at Panmure Gordon, the broker, has moved her recommendation from a "buy" to a "hold". She has cut her number for the current year to £90 million and lopped £7.5 million from



BTR SHARES STAND AT LOW

premium to the ruling price. The business was completed at the £10.45 level.

Trading in Sun Life & Provincial, the offshoot of the Compagnie UAP, the French group, got off to a slow start on the grey market after being up to three times oversubscribed. Priced at 235p, the shares touched 243p in hectic trading before settling at 232p, a

John Lacey, the food broker, firmed 1p to 6p after making a welcome return to the dividend list for the first time since 1989 with a payout of 0.1p. It followed a 10 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £52,000.

On the Alternative Investment Market, shares in Sinclair Montrose Healthcare got off to a flying start. Placed at 140p, they opened at 164p before going on to close at the best of the day with a premium of 2p at 167p.

BTP, the chemicals specialist, rose 16p to 294p after coming in with full-year profits at the top end of expectations. Philip Morris at Nikko, the Japanese securities house, is forecasting £52 million for the current year.

GLT-EDGED: Dealers reported a further steepening of the yield curve as the shorter end of the market outperformed long-dated issues. After Friday's flurry of activity, the pace of business slowed to a canter and the yields generally. The two tranches of index-linked stock totalling 400 million issued last week remained on offer.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt finished three ticks better at £105.05 in this trading. Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 closed unchanged at £97.15. Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was a couple ticks better at £102.11. A NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street were higher at midday, following through on Friday's gains after the "triple witching" expires. The Dow Jones industrial average was 28.82 points higher at 5,734.05.

| Commodity | Unit | Price | % Change |
|-----------|----------|---------|----------|
| Cocoa | 1000 lbs | 1075.00 | +0.10 |
| Soyabean | 1000 lbs | 1010.00 | +0.10 |
| Wheat | 1000 lbs | 120.00 | +0.10 |

| Instrument | Price | % Change |
|----------------------|--------|----------|
| FT-SE 100 | 3710.8 | -11.5 |
| FTSE 250 | 4450.0 | - |
| Three Month Sterling | 93.25 | +0.10 |

| Instrument | Rate |
|------------|------|
| 1 month | 5.5% |
| 3 months | 5.5% |
| 6 months | 5.5% |
| 12 months | 5.5% |

| Country | 1 day | 1 month | 3 months | 6 months | Call |
|---------------|-------|---------|----------|----------|------|
| Dollar | 5.4% | 5.5% | 5.5% | 5.4% | 5.4 |
| Deutsche Mark | 3.3% | 3.3% | 3.3% | 3.3% | 3.2 |

| Instrument | Price |
|--------------|---------|
| Bullion Open | £394.00 |
| Close | £391.20 |
| High | £394.20 |

| Period | Rate |
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| Spot | 1.93 |
| 1 month | 1.93 |
| 3 months | 1.93 |

| Instrument | Rate |
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| London | 1.93 |
| New York | 1.93 |
| Hong Kong | 1.93 |

| Symbol | Call | Put |
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| AAA | 420 | 37 |
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MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 5734.05 (+38.82)
S&P Composite 669.69 (+2.88)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 2260.20 (+72.59)
Hang Seng 10594.72 (+104.43)

Hong Kong:
Amstardam 554.49 (+0.38)
AD 2258.7 (+0.31)

Sydney:
Frankfurt DAX 2566.43 (+26.32)
Singapore Straits 2307.23 (+13.89)

Brussels:
General 9434.85 (+28.38)
CAC-10 2097.63 (+13.45)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 773.00 (+23.80)

London:
FT 100 3710.8 (+11.5)
FTSE Mid 250 4433.7 (+7.4)
FTSE-A 350 1878.4 (+5.2)
FTSE Eurozone 100 1690.97 (+5.97)
FT A All-Share 1862.70 (+3.01)
FT Non Financials 1990.45 (+5.33)
FT Real Interest 111.91 (+0.42)
FT Govt Secs 92.49 (+0.17)
Bargains 2794

SEAQ Volume 599.4M
USM (Daxterm) 2236.63 (+0.18)
US 1329.04 (+0.09)
German Mark 2358.00 (+0.09)
Exchange Index 85.9 (Same)
Bank of England official rate (4pp)
EBCI 1.2682

RPI 182.9 May (2.2%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX 152.5 May (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

| Instrument | Price | % Change |
|--------------------|-------|----------|
| Biocompatibles Wts | 51 | ... |
| Carlsberg (UK) | 100 | ... |
| City Technology | 220 | ... |

RECENT ISSUES (continued)

| Instrument | Price | % Change |
|--------------------|-------|----------|
| Euro Telecom (115) | 151 | ... |
| FiberNet Group | 118 | -5 |
| Fidelity Asia Vis | 92 | ... |

RECENT ISSUES (continued)

| Instrument | Price | % Change |
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| Finland (93) | 65 | ... |
| Gold Mines Sardinia | 10 | ... |
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RECENT ISSUES (continued)

| Instrument | Price | % Change |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|
| Jarvis Hotels | 181 | ... |
| Lands Improvement 128 | ... | ... |
| Matrix Healthcare | 110 | ... |

RECENT ISSUES (continued)

| Instrument | Price | % Change |
|----------------------|-------|----------|
| Burford Gp n/p (122) | 12 | - |
| Crichton n/p (810) | 58 | -1 |
| Enterprise n/p (153) | 70 | -2 |

RECENT ISSUES (continued)

| Instrument | Price | % Change |
|---------------|-------------|----------|
| Green Pp n/p | 23 | +2 |
| Liberty | 415p (+20p) | |
| Filtronic Com | 320p (+13p) | |

RECENT ISSUES (continued)

| Instrument | Price | % Change |
|--------------|-------------|----------|
| Shire Pharms | 262p (+10p) | |
| DeLia | 530p (+15p) | |
| Henlys | 680p (+11p) | |

RECENT ISSUES (continued)

| Instrument | Price | % Change |
|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Aspesspa | 990p (+14p) | |
| Micro Focus | 885p (+20p) | |

RECENT ISSUES (continued)

| Instrument | Price | % Change |
|------------|-------------|----------|
| Real Time | 183p (-16p) | |
| Wacc | 182p (-11p) | |
| Palon | 375p (-22p) | |

RECENT ISSUES (continued)

| Instrument | Price | % Change |
|----------------|-------------|----------|
| Chromaco | 453p (-16p) | |
| Courts Furnish | 955p (-33p) | |
| Danka Bn Sys | 713p (-22p) | |

RECENT ISSUES (continued)

| Instrument | Price | % Change |
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RECENT ISSUES (continued)

| Instrument | Price | % Change |
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| Dollar Rates | ... | ... |

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| Instrument | Price | % Change |
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| Other Sterling | ... | ... |

RECENT ISSUES (continued)

Other Sterling (continued)

DOLLAR RATES

Australia 1.2643-1.2651
Canada (midnight) 1.0767-1.0777
Canada (9am) 1.0751-1.0760

Denmark 6.9610-6.9615
Euro 1.6661-1.6662
Germany 1.3300-1.3310
Hong Kong 7.7887-7.7906
India 46.6400-46.6400

Japan 109.00-109.00
New Zealand 2.2736-2.2746
Norway 4.6374-4.6374
Singapore 1.4095-1.4100
Spain 128.72-128.75
Switzerland 1.5822-1.5825

Other Sterling: Argentina peso 1.5400-1.5428
Brazil real 2.0000-2.0000
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Fine fare for semi-final

CLIFFORD CHANCE has put its contingency plan into practice for its annual summer party on Wednesday, as well as making some last-minute changes. Now that England are through to the semi-finals of Euro 96, the firm has arranged for a giant screen to be installed in the grounds of the Honourable Artillery Company. There will also be a funfair, numerous bars, and foodstalls offering delicacies from various countries. Saucerkraut and German bratwurst will, however, not be on offer. Meanwhile, Jeremy Hazley, Foreign Office Minister of State, has at the last minute cancelled his party to be held on Wednesday.

Home fixture

JOHN STEWART, who takes over from Peter Robinson as chief executive of the Woolwich Building Society, has his diary carefully planned around Euro 96 too. The self-confessed workaholic, who broke from his homework to watch last Saturday's game, intends to be back home in Bromley for the semi-finals tomorrow. Meanwhile, Mr Stewart will have been up at the crack of dawn this morning for a day trip to Milan. "I dare not mention the football when I'm there," he whispered. "I think the Italians are in mourning."

Licensed baa

JOHN YOUNG, chairman of Young's Brewery, had a spring in his step yesterday, tearing through the City after RamRod, the runaway ram. Midway into a photo call at Leadenhall Market, to promote the brewery's new image, RamRod caught sight of a knife-wielding butcher. He dashed into the street, spilling Mr Young's pint and knocking his bowler hat flying. His run through the City eventually came to a halt, sandwiched between Mr Young and a policeman, outside the Lloyd's building. According to Mr Young: "She was very pretty, and insisted on having her photo taken with us."



Many a gem ...

THE man with the unenviable task of being Scunthorpe's first tourism manager is Andrew Wheeler. "It's true that business-class hotels are in short supply here and there is a lack of conference facilities," he admitted yesterday, "but we are situated between two important tourist centres in Lincoln and York, and large numbers of visitors are within easy reach." According to Mr Wheeler: "The area has a lot to offer. We are just waiting to be discovered."

ON ONE of Sun Life and Provincial's busiest days yesterday, its phone lines were struck down with a virus. From time to time a "gremlin" in the wires makes it impossible for calls to get further than the switchboard. Messages were flying around the office, but, rather than take a seat alongside the ladies on the switchboard, Michael Hart, chief executive, preferred to use his

Power regulator's hand is steady at the controls

Some confusion aside, competition still tops the agenda he tells Christine Buckley



Stephen Littlechild feels he has done his bit and it is up to the companies

When the Government blocked the takeovers by the two main generators of regional companies such a wave of surprise swept through the industry that some almost looked to the heavens for an explanation. The decision seemed to fly in the face of the frenzy of takeovers that had gripped the sector since the expiry of the Government's golden share in the regional companies.

The aggrieved generators, blocked on the grounds of commanding too much market influence, found themselves without a clear idea of how they could develop further. Stephen Littlechild, the regulator, had argued against the takeovers when they were first proposed, but he was ignored by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which found no such cause for concern. He welcomed the backing of the Department of Trade and Industry and was then quickly challenged by PowerGen. The country's second largest generator demanded clear guidelines of industry parameters before disposing of power stations it was obliged to part with.

The challenge, which seems to have yielded nothing, was curious because it tackled the regulator over what the company had declared was a political decision. Guidelines for development of the electricity industry, if it is possible to draft any, are a matter for the Government, Professor Littlechild believes.

"A lot of people were taken by surprise," he says. "Mr Lang had said that he would take certain conditions into account. I don't think it was realised quite how seriously he would take those."

"I am conscious that whatever guidance I give can be of limited value as long as the Secretary of State makes the decisions. My position has always been clear that if there is a threat to competition I shall be extremely wary of any proposal. There is a significant difference in size between National Power and PowerGen's mergers and the others that have gone ahead such as ScottishPower, or the fact that Eastern is acquiring this plant."

"I don't know whether there is confusion. If there is then it is for the Government to explain. Mr Lang has basically said that competition will be paramount and that is what explains his decision."

Competition in generation was at the heart of the vetoes, although it is difficult to ascertain when sufficient generation will be obtained to allow more lateral consolidation of the industry. Mr Lang was elliptical in his explanations after the veto.

Professor Littlechild is similarly reluctant to be pinned down to a specification. "It would be very rash to say this is what we mean by a competitive industry and when we get there, there will be no more interven-

tion. We don't have a way of saying if market shares are below this then everything will be OK. I can't at the moment see one single statistic that would signal the correct state of the market. While there may be calls for rules, until you see an actual case it is difficult to determine what those rules should be."

Two years ago Professor Littlechild ordered National Power and PowerGen to sell some of their power stations to stimulate competition. He is unlikely to make them sell more, although he has not ruled out the possibility in the future. "One always has to keep the state of the market in mind and if new stations are not built or don't come on stream, or if those working don't seem to reduce the market power of these two companies, then I may need to take further measures."

He will not, however, jump to more radical action in response to critics of the growth of competition in generation, although there are many regional companies, large users of energy, and a handful of Tory backbenchers. "You can't just impose a fully competitive market overnight."

ScottishPower, the integrated gener-

ator and distributor in Scotland which has acquired Manweb and is on course to buy Southern Water, need not worry about regulatory obstacles it seems. Although the company has a dominant position in its home market, Professor Littlechild believes its impact on the English market is so slight as not to merit consideration.

ScottishPower faces a similarly smooth path in its quest to become a large-scale multi-utility. The regulators have satisfied themselves on the two previous water-electricity mergers - North West Water and Norweb and Welsh Water and Swalec - that dual regulation is perfectly feasible.

There are some arguments that extended regional companies can be an advantage. The water regulator and I have got various provisions for ringfencing. We will co-operate at the time of price controls so each knows what the other is doing."

ScottishPower's quest to expand on a multi-utility basis has been sculpted in anticipation of 1998, when household electricity and gas will be fully open to competition. The task of opening the market in electricity, when 25 million households will be able to shop around

for their power, is the biggest item on Professor Littlechild's agenda at present.

But there are fears that the timetable is slipping. Professor Littlechild believes the ball is in the court of the regional companies. "I've done my bit now. Basically it is up to the companies to respond to the plans."

There have been complaints from the regional companies, which will for the first time be vulnerable to domestic competition, that they are being asked to function cohesively as an industry to implement the means by which they become opponents. There is criticism that there is no prototype for profiling, the accurate monitoring of a customer's use. Such mechanisms have to be installed by the regional electricity companies.

Regional companies fear a repetition of 1994 when users of more than 100kw of electricity gained access to a range of suppliers. The opening of the competitive market for these customers was universally condemned as ill-prepared. Meters were installed late or functioned inadequately, which meant customers suffered billing irregularities on a large scale and suppliers found payments dried up. The industry took about a year before it cleared the administrative mire.

But Professor Littlechild says that licence conditions will force the hand of those who may be reticent over 1998. "Competition on the whole is not an attractive proposition for them. At present they have regional monopolies. I certainly don't think they want a repeat of 1994. It wasn't good for their image and cost a lot of money to put right."

Who will shape electricity in the competitive domestic market still remains very much in the air. "A lot of players are still working out their tactics. The supermarkets and insurance companies are interested because it is a big market, but whether or not they come in on day one is a different matter."

Margins will be slight in 1998 and customers will not see the bumper discounts being offered by rivals to British Gas in the South West, where 500,000 homes can buy gas competitively. The evidence from the competitive market for industrial users of electricity has shown prices have come down and more than two-thirds of those customers have switched supplier. Professor Littlechild believes that companies will be forced to offer more imaginative tariff ranges and to trade on slim margins.

The onslaught of full competition in domestic energy is seen by many as an opportunity to scale down regulation of the industry. Both the gas and telecoms regulator have said that recent price controls are likely to be their last. Professor Littlechild believes there could be scope to wind down price controls after 1998, but will not be drawn on details. Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, has on several occasions sounded her belief that the gas and electricity regulators' offices would make a sensible merger.

Professor Littlechild believes there is more life in separate utility regulation yet. Conceivably, he thinks some regulatory functions could be conducted by the Office of Fair Trading, but that specialist knowledge will still play an important role.

A Celtic tiger for Europe



The Irish Republic's view of Europe seems close to Britain's. Most British people, opinion polls indicate, want to stay in Europe but out of the single currency. Ireland, which on Monday takes over the presidency of the European Union for six months, is passionately committed to Europe and the single currency. The Irish are Euro-enthusiasts par excellence. And Ireland is one of only three nations the European Commission says will meet Maastricht's convergence criteria.

The difference in attitude is for fairly obvious reasons. Most notably, Britain is a net contributor to the EU budget - to the tune of an estimated 1.5 per cent of GDP a year. In contrast, in the early 1990s Ireland was getting more than 6 per cent of its GDP from Europe in the form of subsidies under the Common Agricultural Policy for its farmers and various social transfers.

Britain still has a place in the world far beyond the confines of Europe, courtesy of its colonial past. Deeper integration in Europe risks not only the loss of parliamentary sovereignty but also of older networks. For Ireland, giving up sovereignty to the Bundesbank is, for many, preferable to ceding it to Britain.

And Europe has been good for Ireland. The Republic's enthusiastic membership has coincided with an unparalleled period of economic outperformance and a relative weakening of inter-dependence of the British economy. In the early 1970s, Britain bought more than 60 per cent of Irish exports. Now that figure is around 26 per cent. Overall, 70 per cent of Irish exports go to the EU. Ireland has been growing dramatically - by around 8 per cent last year and an expected 6 per cent this year and yet inflation has remained low, the latest figure being 1.4 per cent. The current account is in surplus and unemployment, although still very high, has come down sharply. No wonder some have dubbed Ireland the Celtic Tiger and Ruairi Quinn, Ireland's Finance Minister, has dared to note that, if current trends were to continue, Ireland would over-

take Britain in per capita income by the year 2000. The transformation in confidence, as well as the economic statistics, is nothing short of remarkable. But Ireland's apparently trouble-free switch from its dismal orbit as a British satellite to a sunny place at the heart of Europe simplifies the challenges to be faced. For one, Ireland's view of Europe is likely to develop and modify as the community itself takes shape. The Republic's receipts from Brussels are already on a downward path - around 4.5 per cent of GDP now compared with the peak. Ireland is already beginning to think about how to adapt without its intravenous drip of EU money. Further ahead, Ireland may have to contemplate life without such a generous CAP if the prospective entry of eastern Europe members leads inevitably to its reform. Life as a giver rather than a receiver may look very different.

But Ireland's relationship with Britain is complex and changing too. Ireland is not entirely free of the old unwanted relationship not least because its currency tends - often unfairly - to suffer when sterling does. When the pound was drummed out of the exchange-rate mechanism, the punt was eventually forced to devalue. But on the positive side, Ireland was forced into accepting a big dose of competitiveness against Europe. A headache for Ireland is trying to contemplate life inside a single currency if Britain remains outside, the threat of competitive devaluations is very real.

In future, Ireland and Britain may find themselves agreeing in Europe. For one, Ireland is opposed to cumbersome European employment legislation. More fundamentally, the two countries want to do business as well as make peace deals. As Brendan Walsh, head of economics at University College Dublin, notes: "It was an underperforming, inflation-prone Britain from which Ireland wanted its freedom. If Britain has improved once and for all, Ireland might drift closer again."

Tunnel shareholders should show their commitment

From Mr John E. Moore Sir, Eurotunnel's annual meeting draws near, accompanied by the first signs that the Channel Tunnel will be outstandingly successful, but bankers hover to take over the business.

The tunnel is one of this century's greatest contributions to the future of Europe and I am proud to be associated with it as a shareholder. I do not want to see the achieve-

ment handed to others at a discount for them to reap the rewards in the future. We the shareholders need to take a long-term view and set aside short-term expediencies. I am investing for the benefit of my children and my children's children. I believe many of my fellow shareholders may feel the same way and wish to sustain their participation. I am prepared to subscribe additional

Time for names to seek better R&R

From Mr Robert Findlay Sir, Sarah Bagnall's news of the Defence Shield's call for an EGM is what many names have been waiting for. They can now vote for the EGM proposals and for an improved R&R. They are at the zenith of their influence, their decisions undeclared.

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Shell did not import guns to Nigeria

From the Head, Media Relations, Shell International Sir, The report on a "British firm selling electronic spy systems to Nigeria" of June 17 includes the claim that "Shell admitted importing handguns to help Nigerian police protect oil installations."

Cost to the nation of having no Terminal 5

From A. J. Lucking Sir, The answer to Tempus's question (June 13) is the nation and in particular British businessmen. One estimate of the annual cost they will incur if there is no Terminal 5 in 2010 is nearly £1 billion. This is made up largely of higher fares due to the scarcity value of Heathrow seats, and the value of time wasted because of additional interchanges abroad.

Making travel even more unpleasant will cause some export salespersons to evade journeys they ought to make. Already, 57 per cent of UK business travellers buy economy tickets, and most have to endure spartan conditions. The way to end this head-on collision between the needs of BAA's shareholders, and those

Bizarre aspect of Hepher's BT payoff

From D. A. Reynolds Sir, The most bizarre aspect of the BT/Michael Hepher fiasco is that the poor chap obviously has no clue what to do with his unwarranted cash mountain, as BT are paying on top of that for him to have financial counselling! Can we assume

Lloyd's sums correct

From Mr Peter Hill Sir, I am not a rocket scientist but I beg to differ with your correspondent (Letters, June 6) who challenges the mathematical precision of information contained in Lloyd's 1995 annual report. The Council is composed of 18 members. The chart on page five shows six working members of the Council; six external members; and six nominated members. Confirmation - together with the identity of the 18 individuals - can be obtained by reference to page 56 of the report.

Services? I offer this advice -

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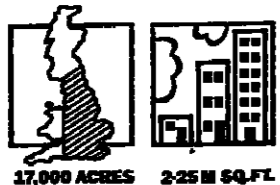
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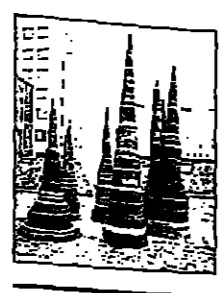
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Vive la différence!
An odd, Gallic
choice of British
sculpture goes
on show at Paris's
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pays handsome
and revealing
tribute to
the genius of
Henry Moore

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■ VISUAL ART 3
Perfection that
defies the ages:
a new show of
early Chinese
sculpture comes
to London



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A 50th birthday
show for Peter
Prendergast
reveals a new
array of stormy
landscapes

Richard Cork on an eccentric Paris survey of British sculpture; plus Henry Moore in Nantes and London shows

A brilliant century taken out of context

There was a time when the presence of British sculpture in the Tuileries Gardens would have been unthinkable. These hallowed spaces in central Paris were reserved for French products alone, with Maillol's impeccably dignified bronze statues of ample women given the greatest prominence of all. Now, for the entire summer, all that Gallic chauvinism has disappeared. The central avenue of the Tuileries has been invaded by the grey, imposingly funnelled forms of Anthony Caro's multi-part *Promenade*, a specially commissioned sculpture which seems capable of advancing in martial triumph towards the Louvre itself. Near by, spectacular large-scale works by other British sculptors are allowed to animate their surroundings. Tony Cragg, Richard Deacon and Phillip King all make an impact. Eduardo Paolozzi's *Hamlet in a Japanese Manner*, its psychedelic colours freshly restored, looks as exuberant as Barry Flanagan's outside here, leaping with delight. The mood is celebratory here, marking the advent of a major exhibition in the adjacent Jeu de Paume gallery. For the first time, Paris is exploring the prodigious flowering of British sculpture over the past century. A lavish book-length catalogue, filled with scholarly essays and excellent reproductions, shows just how momentous the event is intended to be. Inside the Jeu de Paume, though, the partiality of the selection soon becomes clear. Daniel Abadie, the gallery's director, has chosen the artists with an utterly ruthless eye. Nothing wrong with that, if

the show presented itself first and foremost as a personal choice. But Abadie's ringing title, *A Century of British Sculpture*, suggests a far more comprehensive affair. We go in expecting a well-rounded account, and find instead a story riddled with startling, unaccountable omissions. Part of the problem may lie with the choice of venue. To do full justice to his ambitious subject, Abadie should have been given a building as capacious as the Grand Palais. The Jeu de Paume is too small, and it may have forced him into making savage exclusions. The pressures imposed by the gallery's size become apparent at once. Jacob Epstein's brooding *Torso in Metal* from *The Rock Drill* is marooned near the entrance, cut off from the main display area by the bookshop and admissions desk. The *Torso's* isolation says a lot about Abadie's selection, for he has robbed Epstein's early masterpiece of any nourishing context. Unbelievable though it may seem, no other sculpture produced in Britain during the first 34 years of this century has been included. Nobody would ever guess from a visit to this exhibition that carved images of the human body underwent a potent revolution at that time. The young Epstein and Eric Gill, working in harmony for a while, transformed British sculpture as early as 1910. Soon they were joined by Henri Gaudier-Brzeska, a precociously inventive Frenchman who made London his home. Abadie may argue that Gaudier belongs to France, but he made all his finest sculpture in London and became passionately involved

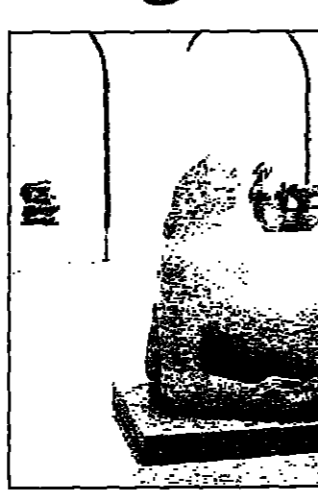


Damien Hirst's *Mother and Child Divided* is one of the few works with a room of its own in an often jumbled overview of British sculpture

which the experiments of the 1950s would have provided. Although Phillip King's exhilarating early abstractions enjoy generous space, other leading sculptors of the 1960s are nowhere to be seen. Nor are most of the young artists who, in the following decade, renegotiated British sculpture's relationship with landscape. Richard Long is seen in heroic isolation, unless Michael Craig-Martin's classic conceptual *An Oak Tree* is perversely regarded as a meditation on the English countryside. At this point, the installation of the show becomes very erratic. One well-organised room contains only Anish Kapoor's early, intensely luminous powder-pigment sculpture and Antony Gormley's crouching figure perched high on the opposite wall. The next room, however, seems cluttered. Bill Woodrow's sprawling *Elephant* deserves more space, but is here displayed uncomfortably near a group of Deacon's 1980s works. At least Abadie redeems himself in the most recent part of the exhibition, where Damien Hirst's *Mother and Child Divided* is given a room of its own. So is Rachel Whiteread's *Ghost*, her haunting cast of a room which looked like a landmark British sculpture the moment it was first displayed. The pleasure gained from seeing it here, however, is marred by realising how many artists should also have been included at this point. If Abadie had called the shows *Aspects of 20th-Century British Sculpture*, his exclusions would be less baffling. But the title he chose is ill-served by a selection that ends up looking cruelly eccentric, and leaving out far too much. ● *A Century of British Sculpture at the Jeu de Paume, 1, Place de la Concorde, Paris (0033147031330) until Sept 15*

First thoughts reveal Moore

It sometimes seems as if Henry Moore's is the only empire on which the sun never sets. Doubtless the number of retrospectives will increase as the 1998 centenary approaches. But it is unlikely that any will be so sensuously beautiful or revealing as Henry Moore: *l'expression première*, in Nantes at the Musée des Beaux Arts. Its extraordinary effect is attributable to two things: the wonderful aptness of the surroundings in Nantes, and the fact that the show has a clear concept. The Musée des Beaux Arts is a grandiose Neo-Baroque building with a suite of high, light and splendid galleries encircling a central court. But it has been totally refurbished and the central court glassed in to make a great gleaming white cube of an exhibition space. This is where these Moores are sited, and the location is ideal. They can be seen from the same level or from above, where a sort of gallery offers endless vantage points. The strength of this selection turns on the dramatic decision to exclude all bronzes. Instead the show concentrates on the carvings, mostly early, and the original plasters from which the later bronzes were cast. Many plasters have never been seen in public before.



Nantes displays a great sculptor in an unusual light

though Moore himself evidently felt they were important and preserved them. It might be supposed that they were only stages on the way to the finished bronze, and could not offer anything more or different. But this is not true. For one thing, despite their varieties of patina, the bronzes are much more uniform than the plasters, which have often been carefully finished off and in some cases faintly coloured or polished to give them distinctive surface textures quite different from the corresponding bronzes. This element of colour is brilliantly highlighted by the

all-white surroundings which make one aware of the most delicate gradations. One also gets a unique feeling of being close to watching the hand of the master as the three-dimensional image emerges from the primal matter. Some feel that Moore was a carver first and foremost, more truly than he was ever a modeller. It is easy to forget that the first volume of what was to become the *catalogue raisonné*, first published in 1944, contained no bronzes at all, because up to then he had made none, just a handful of sculptures in lead. The first years of Moore's greatness

were a time almost exclusively of carving. The bronzes, and the sort of factory operation they entailed, came later and significantly changed the course of Moore's art, possibly not for the better. But despite the army of assistants Moore later had working for him, up until the early Seventies he continued to work himself on the larger carvings and on the plasters. The latter also have the advantage of indicating clearly at what size the bronzes were originally conceived, before the more or less mechanical process of editing in a variety of sizes supervised. After all, it was Moore himself who wrote in 1937: "There is a right physical size for every idea." In this area, first thoughts are clearly best. Everybody knows that Moore was a great sculptor, perhaps the century's greatest, but it is not always easy to see this clearly through the immense production and the inescapable availability. This is the show which pares things down to basics; the effect is a revelation. JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR ● Henry Moore: *l'expression première* is at the Musée des Beaux Arts, Nantes (0033 51 25 06 40) until Sept 2, then in Mannheim

AROUND THE LONDON GALLERIES

similar that one never has the impression of divided authorship. What they are remembered for are their gentle childhood portraits, which coast along the edge of sentimentality. The catalogue makes play of their relationship to the Neo-Romantic painters of the 1940s, but in fact they belong to the prewar world of E.H. Shepherd's A.A. Milne illustrations, with an occasional glance towards Rackham for the more fantastic moments. *Chris Beetles*, 8 & 10 Ryder Street, SW1 (0171-839 7551) until July 19

□ It is often wise to beware of dealers bearing gifts of miscellaneous summer shows. However, one can feel safe going to any show labelled *Victorian Pictures* at the Maas Gallery. This year's collection is peculiarly rich — and at times richly peculiar. Albert Goodwin's large *Under the Roof of the World*, for instance, originally shown in 1897 as an "imaginative landscape", is an astonishing mix of John Martin and late Turner. Other works on show correspond more closely to conventional ideas of Victorian art. There is a fine, small oil study for Emily

Mary Osborn's famous picture, *Nameless and Friendless*, a good romantic Arthur Hughes, *The Pained Heart*; a sensuous and symbolic Herbert James Draper, a study for *Clytemnestra*; and a typical Alma-Tadema evocation of ancient sunshine, *Dolce Far Niente*. Most surprising is a study by Watts for his *Ophelia*, while most desirable would have to be split between Millais's fully Pre-Raphaelite drawing, *Lost Love*, and a watercolour by Ruskin called *A July Thunder Cloud*, *Val d'Aosta*, painted in 1838. *Maas Gallery*, 15a Clifford Street, W1 (0171-734 2302), until July 12

□ The work of Peter Prendergast has not been seen in London for three years, ever since the touring show which began at the National Museum of Wales had a brief airing at Agnes. Now his 50th birthday is marked with a show of recent paintings and drawings. Prendergast's Wales is tempest-tossed, his brushwork agitated in a way which suggests now Auerbach's jaundiced view of Primrose Hill, now Eardley's vision of the windswept Scottish coast. But it suggests neither very closely. Prendergast has always been a painter who follows his own line. *Boundary Gallery*, 98 Boundary Road, NW8 (0171-624 1126), until July 20

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Enchantment in perfect setting



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POP 1 Wholesome ballads and Mexican waves fill a packed Wembley Arena as Mariah Carey comes to London



POP 2 ... but there was nothing very wholesome about the Sex Pistols' reunion in Finsbury Park

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GALA Sadler's Wells Theatre plays out 65 years of memories before the builders move in



MUSIC At the Aldeburgh Festival, the Finnish composer Magnus Lindberg adds lustre to his reputation

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In the six years since the lungs from Long Island first came to prominence...

Mariah Carey Wembley Arena

She also knows how to use all the visual theatrics available. Fantasy employed a troupe of six dancers in a slick routine...

Such pre-eminence has been achieved with song after song from an apparently endless supply of emotionally charged pop...

Wave after Mexican wave made its way around Wembley Arena: six years of anticipation had made the crowd excitable...

Emotions was a well-chosen opener, typical of the breezy optimism of her uptempo songs and a vehicle for her famous octave-straddling range...

PAUL SEXTON



Mariah Carey, splendidly over the top and finally over here, wows Wembley Arena

Happiness is a worn gun

Sex Pistols Finsbury Park, N4

Well, we're not that had after all, are we? announced a typically defiant John Lydon...

For, although dubbed the Filthy Lucre tour (after a tabloid headline from 1977: 'Punk? Call It Filthy Lucre'), there is no doubt that the Pistols were out to prove more than their ability to make money...

But no matter what they did they were never going to recapture the sense of outrage that they generated so effortlessly in their prime...

The Pistols had obviously done their homework, and despite a somewhat arthritic feel to the rhythm section, they thundered through Seventeen and No Feelings with surprising conviction...

more like a postcard-punk caricature than he ever did in his original incarnation...

With its pedalling rhythm, descending chord steps and Chuck Berry-style guitar solo God Save the Queen was always a magnificent song...

The "encores" produced reliable versions of Anarchy in the U.K. and Problems, but they lost their way as soon as they departed from the script...

DAVID SINCLAIR

DANCE

Room at the top

HAVING sorted out the backbone of his company, Derek Deane, artistic director of English National Ballet...

Deane is losing his two greatest assets - Thomas Edur and Agnes Oaks - to Birmingham Royal Ballet next season...

One of those who is likely to benefit from the personnel changes is Monica Perao, who made her London debut in Cinderella on Thursday night...

Cinderella Festival Hall

line and pleasingly rounded in her physical responses to Prokofiev's lush musical writing...

This ballet brings out the best in Horsman, utilising his excellent classical technique and his fine carriage as the Prince...

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Farewell Gala Sadler's Wells

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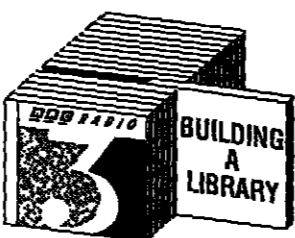
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Voice of the victim

The Home Secretary has agreed to the idea of impact statements. But, says Annerleigh Harrison, there may be problems ahead

Stuart Ferguson almost died in an attempted murder. Years later, the effects — physical, financial and emotional — still haunt him and his family.

At a recent Victim Support conference he was asked: "What single change would you make to the criminal justice system?"

Without hesitation, he replied: "A chance for victims to tell the court the full effects for them and their families. I never got that chance. The jury never knew how much we all suffered."

The suffering continued, he added, although the physical and the emotional effects changed. "Victims' comments should be updated," he said, "during the sentence and before release."

He was calling for victim impact statements — the victims' voice in court — to be put on paper, if not made in person. And last week Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, pledged to introduce them. He said that victims should have the chance to explain the effect of the crime against them.

This will then be taken into account by courts before they decide how to deal with the offender. Mr Howard is planning for year-long pilot schemes to be launched in six police force areas in August, to test how "impact statements" would work. Victims of the most serious crimes would be excluded.

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A trial examines the crime, rather than the impact

pathetic to victims' desire for official recognition. Indeed, he agreed that the crime's effects should be put before the court, although via reports compiled by the police and presented through existing channels. This reflects growing acknowledgement by legal agencies that victims require, and deserve, a higher status in the criminal justice process.

The Home Office has its Victims Steering Group. The Crown Prosecution Service states: "We will show sensitivity and understanding to victims and witnesses." Even the Probation Service has its "victim perspective". Its new policies include consulting victims before release of life-liaison prisoners, and inclusion of the offence's consequences in the pre-sentencing reports on assessment.

The Victim Support organisation has improved status, and last year issued a Statement of victims' rights. This included the "right to respect, recognition and support", and the right to have the opportunity to provide information about the case for use in the criminal justice process.

Even Victim Support, however, is wary of victim impact statements. Implementational problems still abound. How should victim impact statements be made? At what stage? To which would work. Victims of the most serious crimes would be excluded.

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Despite all the doubts, devastated victims are still crying to be heard

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The clever tricks to catch clever Dicks

The dirty tricks used in personal injury claims have been exposed to the unsympathetic scrutiny of the Court of Appeal. Recently, the court upheld an award of £190,000 to George Drummond for work injuries after Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council argued that the trial judge had allowed his distaste for the council's methods to affect his judgment.

The council had hired a private investigator to pose as a market researcher and offer Mr Drummond money to wash his car with a shampoo. A video film was taken of Mr Drummond washing his car and this was produced in court in an attempt to show that he had exaggerated his injuries. The Court of Appeal accepted that the activity had caused Mr Drummond great pain and condemned the council for "unacceptable practices".

Fake market researchers and secret videos are staples in the personal injury business, which is a very dirty game. The dirty dealing starts with the accident. Often, this occurs nowhere near where it is subsequently claimed to have happened. The classic example is the weekend sporting accident the plaintiff says happened the following day at his workplace when he slipped on an uncleaned floor.

Many "professional claimants" are permanently unemployed and have to "rely" on uneven pavements. As it is well established that it is a breach of statutory duty for the highway authority to allow more than 1.5 inches of unevenness in a pavement, any such unevenness will become a magnet for trippers. One Northern Ireland claimant managed to trip over 14 pavements in a year.

The insurance companies are, of course, aware of this and one large company is renowned for its cynicism over tripping claims. Respectable middle-aged women who trip during their mid-morning shopping are likely to be asked whether they had been drinking that morning. Anyone tripping after leaving licensed premises will be assumed to be drunk until proved otherwise.

The personal injury industry divides into plaintiffs' and defendants' representatives. This is particularly so with solicitors and doctors. Senior medical men often find themselves acting almost exclusively for one side or other. The defendant's doctors are selected for their unsympathetic attitude towards claimants. Some of them, while conducting medical examinations, expertly cross-examine the plaintiff as to how the accident happened. The medical report then contains damning comments that the plaintiff admitted he was responsible for the accident. Because these doctors are being paid by the insurance company, they can dispense



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with any pleasantries — one consultant surgeon in Shropshire used to preface any examination by saying: "If you managed to get here, there can't be anything wrong with you."

Some plaintiffs' doctors are just as bad, and they are sought out by firemen and policemen trying to get early retirement on health grounds. A number of police have managed to retire early on health grounds when there are disciplinary proceedings pending.

Insurance companies are full of tricks for undermining the claimant. I was once instructed on behalf of a handicapped child who had been knocked down on a pedestrian crossing by a motorist who drove through a red traffic light.

Undeterred by the fact that the motorist had pleaded guilty in the magistrates' court to careless driving, the insurance company not only defended the claim but made a counter-claim against the child for the damage to the front of the insured's car. The insurers lost.

If a plaintiff is privately paying, some companies will defend the case in the hope that the plaintiff will run out of money and be unable to pursue it. This is known in the trade as "running them out of chips". If the plaintiff persists in taking the case to court, the final weapon in the insurer's armoury is the video.

The purpose of the video is to show that the plaintiff is not really injured at all. This is done by filming the defendant doing something suitably athletic. Filming techniques vary. One favourite is to film the plaintiff crossing the road. If the plaintiff fails to show enough sprightliness, an accomplice drives a car at the plaintiff to make him jump out of the way. The video can be edited to remove the oncoming car and then adjustments are made to the tape speed to make the plaintiff appear to be walking briskly before dashing across the road.

Any witnesses going to court are likely to be nobbled if left unattended. Most are unsure of themselves and if an officious person approaches and asks them to sign a statement, they do. It is only when they are giving evidence and the statement is handed to them that they realise that what they have signed contradicts their original statement. The new statement was taken by the other side's solicitor, who was taking advantage of the rule that there is no property in a witness. Prudent solicitors keep their witnesses "corralled" and let the judges know as little as possible about the dirty work outside the court. It is not something that bears close scrutiny.

The author is a practising solicitor.

Under the hammer

THE LATE Lord Goodman's art collection goes under the hammer at Bonhams tomorrow. As well as being the leading lawyer of his generation, Lord Goodman was well known as a patron of the arts. His paintings, which he started collecting at university, range from 17th-century works to 1970s Op Art by Bridget Riley, one of his close friends. Legal subjects, not surprisingly, are included: there are works by Jean-Louis Forain, the French turn-of-the-century artist, plus caricatures and cartoons of the great man himself.



Lord Goodman: arts patron

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THE REPORT of the Bar Council's working group on pupilages, led by Mr Justice Hooper, has been endorsed by both the Bar Council and the four Inns of Court.

There is, however, one suggestion that is sure to have some chambers quaking in their boots. The working group would like former pupils to draw up an alternative prospectus for pupilages. These should be along the lines of a prospectus which is already published by the Bar Council and is praised by the working group for providing practical advice "with a touch of irreverence and humour".

The group's general conclusions are that there is nothing wrong with the pupillage system so long as its rules and regulations are complied with by pupils and pupil masters and missesses. It does, however, propose a series of "interventionist measures" to en-

sure that this happens, including a recommendation that pupil masters should be of at least seven years' call.

● WATCH OUT for a BBC1 documentary series on the criminal justice system — this time focusing on women. Law Women has looked at the work of a detective inspector, a lawyer and a prison governor — all juggling jobs with babies, homes and husbands. Tracy Cook, producer of the series, says: "Women in the law are a rarity — it's still a man's world." The series starts on July 2.

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A new Spanish custom

Jury service demands will come as a rude shock to most Spaniards, reports Josephine Carr

There may be queries on the role of jurors, especially since the O.J. Simpson trial, but the new Spanish Government has just introduced juries for criminal trials.

However, while the Spanish Constitution, which heralded the return of democracy 20 years ago, included the principle that the Spanish people should participate in the administration of justice, the impending creation of jurors has met with a mixture of amusement and indifference.

"Because the Spanish have not grown up with a jury system," says Ernesto Diaz-Bastien, a partner in the Madrid firm Diaz-Bastien & Triana, "their only knowledge of jurors comes from watching American television shows. Juries are not seen as an essential part of the democratic system and people are generally satisfied with their criminal justice system."

There are also concerns about the costs involved. "Juries have been labelled an expensive luxury, particularly at a time when there is a budget crisis here," says Señor Diaz-Bastien. No one knows the true cost, but in order to set up the system, facilities such as jury rooms must be built.

The Spanish studied the English and continental mod-

els when putting together their own. The result is that a Spanish jury is independent of the judge and drawn from the general public. It will consist of nine people, of whom a majority of seven must vote to establish a guilty verdict. But just five votes are needed to record a not guilty verdict.

Jurors will sit only in certain cases. The most important are murder, fraud, and environmental crimes. The environment was included, says Luis de Carlos Bertran, a partner with Uriá & Menéndez in Madrid, because the environment is an issue of public concern. Allowing a jury to decide on guilt or innocence in environmental crimes is causing concern among the business community, which is afraid that it will result in many more convictions.

Surprisingly, and despite a strong lobby in some legal circles, sexual crimes and crimes of violence that do not result in death are not tried by jury.

There are concerns that because of the general indifference, it will be hard to get people to turn up to do their jury service. Jurors will be selected using the annual census, and every two years a pool of possible jurors will be created by ballot. Attention has already focused on how to



avoid doing jury service. Señor Diaz-Bastien says: "The list of exemptions is short. That is partly because we lack experience and have not yet thought of all situations in which it will be impractical for people to sit on a jury. In our

London office our secretary was selected for jury service, so we sent a letter saying she was essential to the office and she was excused. That will not be possible in Spain."

There is a danger that indifference will turn to hostility

when people realise the implications. But, says Señor Diaz-Bastien: "The Spanish system is new and will have to accommodate the needs of the general public, just as the English system has done over the centuries." He is optimistic

about the Spanish people's ability to do the job. "It will work," he says. "Why not? If people are of an age to vote why shouldn't they decide whether someone is guilty or not? We should not fear their opinions on the facts."

Frances Gibb on a pyrrhic victory against a £2.5m libel action

When a winner is the loser

A MAN who was forced to defend himself against a £2.5 million libel action and won went to court last week to try to recover £250,000 legal costs, still owed to him a year after the action.

Ian Hill, the managing director of Bristol Uniforms, one of the country's leading manufacturers of fire-fighting clothing, found himself forced to defend a libel action last year at a cost of more than £400,000. But under the rules governing legal costs, Mr Hill recouped only £140,000 of his legal costs - and that only in April this year, nine months after the action.

The case arose over comments that he was alleged to have made when asked his opinion about some material that was being put on the market

for use in firefighters' protective clothing.

Proceedings were filed in 1992 by David Matthews, a businessman whose company, Matex, based in Wrexham, Clwyd, was marketing the material.

Mr Matthews sued for libel over remarks Mr Hill is alleged to have made when the latter's opinion was sought by a fire brigade supplies officer about the material. Mr Hill says he had no choice but to defend

himself against the action. But he then found himself out of pocket because of "massive" legal costs, which he doubts he will ever recover.

Last July, after an 11-day hearing, the court agreed that Mr Matthews should not have put forward the material without adequate testing. Mr Justice Wright said that Mr Matthews had presented "a combination of conspiracy theory, wishful thinking and self-deception". He suspected that Mr Matthews had

intended to gain substantial sums at the hands of a jury as compensation for what he feared was doomed to be an unsuccessful business venture.

A hearing to agree the costs resulted in Mr Matthews and his companies paying out £140,000. But because lawyers disputed items in the bill of costs, only an interim order could be made. A second chambers hearing said Mr Hill should receive another £131,000, leaving more than £100,000 outstanding.

Mr Hill said: "Mr Matthews and his lawyers questioned every item on the list of costs. This was entirely legal under the legislation, but effectively meant that only an interim order [on costs] could be made. I will not now recover the £100,000, which common sense would tell everybody is still owed to me. The law must change."

Richard Holmes, Mr Hill's solicitor, said: "In commonsense terms, the situation is ludicrous. Everyone knows that Mr Matthews owes the money. But until the bill was taxed by the court, it is theoretically possible the court could say that Mr Matthews does not owe any more."

Mr Matthews would not comment, but said that he would settle the bill.

How the law firms survived

Businesses in Manchester had workable contingency plans for the aftermath of terrorist attacks

The IRA bomb in Manchester took its toll of the business community, and law firms were not exempt. The immediate problem, as for many other firms, was that they were excluded from their offices until the following Tuesday afternoon.

Manchester may not have seemed an obvious target but the large firms did have contingency plans that carried them through the disaster. Staff from the worst affected, Addleshaw Sons & Latham, were accommodated by another firm.

The devastation of Addleshaw's two offices was a cruel irony. The firm is part of the Norton Rose M5 Group, and Norton Rose had itself twice been bombed out of its London offices. The only person on the premises was David Penny, a security guard, who was blown 15 feet and badly cut on the legs. It was five hours before rescue services could reach him to find his legs so swollen that the hospital was unable to stitch his wounds.

Addleshaw had, however, drawn on the experience of Norton Rose in preparing a disaster plan. The Corps of Commissioners created a switchboard for it in Trafford, and James Chapman & Co, another law firm, gave its two largest conference rooms, one as a post room and the other for a management team. On Wednesday, structural engineers said the buildings were safe and cleaners, glaziers and half the staff moved back into the Dennis House office (the Pall Mall office was too badly damaged to be back in business immediately).

The senior partner, David Tully, said: "The spirit of co-operation that prevailed among the professional community was remarkable. We were inundated with offers of help." The firm made special telephone arrangements to contact all staff, and it put out announcements to staff on a local radio station, Vaudreys,

another law firm near the blast, was helped by having a document store outside Manchester. It had a contingency plan to use it as a switchboard, and by Saturday night, faxes were being handled from home by Deborah Ascott-Jones, the marketing director.

Halliwell Landau, only 50 yards up the hill from Addleshaw's, was comparatively undamaged. (It is a more modern building than Dennis House, which Addleshaw is leaving next spring.) The information technology manager had access to its systems from his home, so he was able to establish that things were still working.

Some odd effects occurred: the buildings opposite Pannone & Partners had their front blown in, but P & P lost only a few windows.

The big law firms had elaborate plans for catastrophes, but what has emerged from the bombing is, as Nigel Kissack, Alsop Wilkinson's managing partner, puts it, "a reminder to back up your systems every night and to take tapes home - always".

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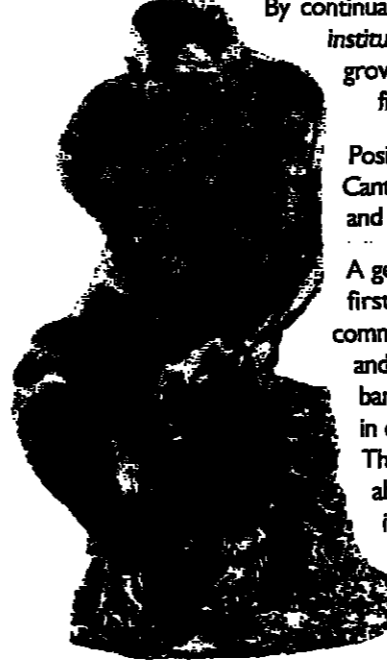
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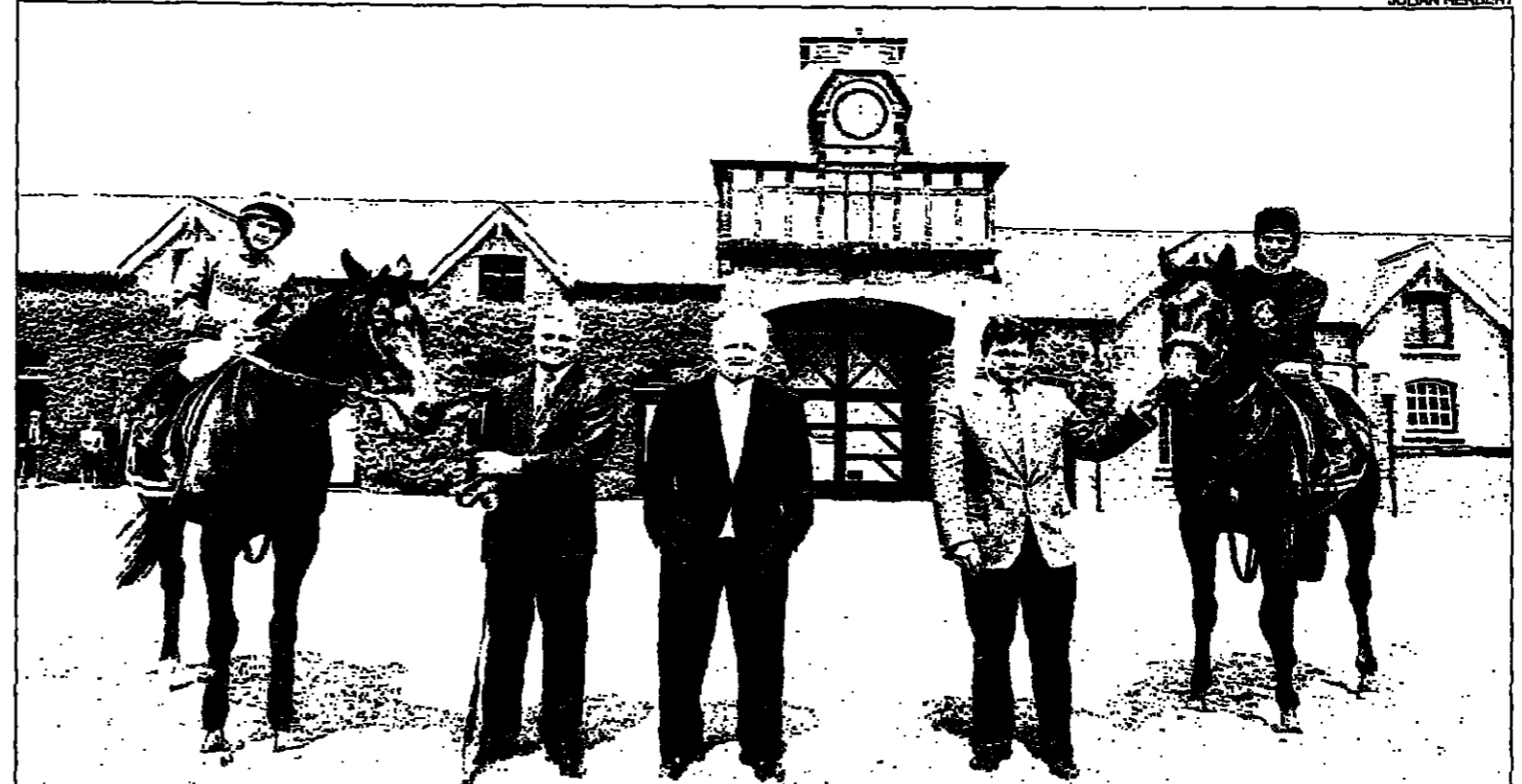
Lameness forces Shaamit to miss Irish Derby

FOR the second time this month, a Derby will be denied the true favourite because of a foot injury. After Dr Massini's mishap, Shaamit, Epsom's equine hero, has been found lame after twisting a shoe on his off-fore hoof and will miss the Irish classic at the Curragh on Sunday.

risk. In these races you have to be 100 per cent. The colt, who won on his seasonal reappearance at Epsom, will now be prepared for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot or a step back in trip for Sandown's Eclipse Stakes.



Haggas: alternative steps



Sangster at the centre of a three-year sponsorship deal with Grosvenor Casinos, which was announced at Manton yesterday

Sangster chips in with casino sponsor

THE biggest, and potentially the best, owner sponsorship deal was signed yesterday between Robert Sangster and Grosvenor Casinos.

Victoria Casino in London, is the nation's largest casino operator. There is an obvious synergy between our businesses and I feel sure that this sponsorship will develop into a very successful partnership, Sangster said.

The search then began for a suitable sponsorship target and Sangster was chosen ahead of Newcastle United. With around one million registered members, including a number of Middle Eastern high rollers, there is, not surprisingly, a large percentage interested in horse racing - hence the link-up.

Casinos are tightly regulated and, among other things, we are prohibited from advertising. But times are changing and we are increasingly competing for the available 'leisure pound'. We are not only competing with our rival casino operators, but also with the Lottery, other forms of gaming, leisure and entertainment.

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GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-4022 6000 TIMES 74 (20.07.95) (Mr. D. Robinson) 8-11-10-10 8 West (4) 88

2.15 TOTE DUAL FORECAST HANDICAP

101 (4) 0-0822 ALVARIA 13 (20.07) (M. Al Maktoum) R Ascenag 3-7-7 M Carson 98

2.45 TOTE TWEED MAIDEN STAKES

301 (2) 00-454 ANCHOR VENTURE (10) (M. Al Maktoum) R Ascenag 3-7-7 M Carson 98

3.00 CROWHURST SELLING STAKES

(1) 0801 LAGER TO PLEASE (2) (S) J Bery 3-3 G Carter 92

3.30 DEC-FAX HANDICAP

1 (21-2) THORNS 43 (0.9) S Sanders 93

3.15 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP

301 (4) 00-5815 SOVEREIGN PACE 10 (20.07.63) (Mrs. B. Heston) 9-10-10 J Stuck (2) 98

3.45 TOTE PLACEPOINT SELLING STAKES

401 (4) 005 ENMAS BREEZE 12 (M. Al Maktoum) R Ascenag 3-7-7 M Carson 98

4.15 TOTE PLACE ONLY MAIDEN FILLES STAKES

501 (2) 2-50 AETHRA 17 (8) (M. Al Maktoum) R Ascenag 3-7-7 M Carson 98

4.45 TOTE TRIO HANDICAP

601 (8) 30-022 NASHAT 7 (20.07.63) (J. Sangster) M Chapman 8-10-10 P McCabe (2) 98

5.15 TOTE JACKPOT CONDITIONS STAKES

1 (2) 0124 FRENCH 17 (8) (Mrs. S. Hill) R Hannon 8-8 P Macey 98

4.00 HENRY STREETEER LIMITED STAKES

1 (12) 1-04 WANDA BERRY 3 (20.07) (G. L. Moore) 5-7-7 S Whitworth 92

4.30 KNIGHT FRANK CENTENARY HANDICAP

1 (14) 0-41 WHITE SEA 14 (20.07) (P. Cole) 9-1-1 D Dalen 98

5.00 WENNER SHIPLEY APPRENTICES HANDICAP

(1) 0254 ALMIGHTY MAN 96 (8.00) (Mrs. G. Kellway) 4-5-10 M. Dwyer 91

5.00 WENNER SHIPLEY APPRENTICES HANDICAP

2 (30) 02-044 ROYAL VENTURE (10) (M. Al Maktoum) R Ascenag 3-7-7 M Carson 98

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TRAINERS: Wins: 13, Runs: 26, %: 50.0

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Wins: 13, Runs: 26, %: 50.0

LINGFIELD PARK

2.30 Serenus 3.00 Eager 3.30 Faith Alone 4.00 Sotoboy 4.30 Again Together 5.00 White Plains

2.30 KELLY SERVICES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MAIDEN STAKES

1 (2) 0-432 POLAR CHAMP 12 (20.07) (S. W. Woods) 9-0 D Briggs 97

3.00 CROWHURST SELLING STAKES

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Tom Jones to retire at end of season

THE Newmarket trainer Harry Thomson Jones, 71, known to all in racing as Tom Jones, is to retire at the end of the season. The decision concludes an illustrious career, highlighted by five achievements under both codes.

Fallon keeps up winning run

KIEREN FALLON, who rode ten winners last week, including two at Royal Ascot, continued in inspired form at Musselburgh yesterday when completing a 20-1 treble on Fonzy, Ambidextrous and Perilous Pight.

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EURO 96

DAILY TEAM-BY-TEAM GUIDE

ENGLAND

England's success in Euro 96 is testing the legendary sang-froid of the occupants of the Wembley press box. Most of the more cosmopolitan and experienced members of the English media still manage to watch events unfold before them with a proper sense of decorum but the neophytes among us have been letting ourselves down regularly. Heads have been buried in neighbours' shoulders in moments of anxiety and fists raised in the air in times of triumph. Even congratulatory hugs were seen after the penalties against Spain.

Terry Venables is trying to shield his players from the growing sense of national euphoria but it is getting harder. The players were allowed out of the confines of their Burnham Beaches hotel on Sunday for a few hours and Stuart Pearce got a bigger cheer than Johnny Rotten when he appeared at the Sex Pistols concert in Finsbury Park to introduce the band.

Crowds are starting to line the route between the hotel, a few miles north of Slough, and Wembley on match days and even though yesterday was a closed training session at Bisham Abbey, there were more than 100 people clustered around the gates waiting expectantly with autograph books and footballs.

"It is so quiet in the hotel you could hear a pin drop," Venables said yesterday. "It's just once we venture outside it becomes a problem."

CAUTIONS: Ince (2), G Neville (2), Adams, Shearer, Sheringham, Southgate. **OH**

GERMANY

Germany yesterday swapped Mottram Hall for the Marylebone Road, exchanging the Cheshire countryside for the dubious delights of Central London, to prepare for tomorrow's semi-final against England. On the whole, whatever the players think, the delegation and support staff welcomed the move. Sapp Maler, who is with the party as goal-keeping coach, was less happy at leaving a hotel on a golf course. "I think Sapp takes his golf clubs to the bathroom with him," said one delegation member.

There is some tension between Andreas Köpcke and the leader of the German delegation, Gerhard Mayer-Vorfelder. After Sunday's game Köpcke told Mayer-Vorfelder, who is also chairman of VfB Stuttgart, that he now wants to join Barcelona, despite agreeing to join Stuttgart two weeks ago. The club are insisting that he has signed a valid contract, and the affair is now in the hands of the lawyers.

Jürgen Klinsmann will not play tomorrow, but he is still hoping that a German win will give him an outside chance of fulfilling his ambition to play at Wembley. "He says he has never had a torn muscle before, so perhaps his body will mend more quickly than average, so he is still hoping, even if it is only a 0.5 per cent chance," a team spokesman said. There is no such prospect for Fredi Bobic, X-rays revealing a minor broken bone in his shoulder.

CAUTIONS: Babbel (2), Reuter, Hässler, Möller, Kunz, Zsage, Berthel, Sammer, Klinsmann. **DISMISSAL:** Stunz. **PB**

SEMI-FINAL

England v Germany
Tomorrow
(Wembley, 7.30)
BBC1 and ITV

FRANCE

Tiresome business, this racism, and it is not just the English lads who are guilty of such sordid behaviour. In France, Jean-Marie Le Pen has attacked his country's footballers for not singing La Marseillaise, the national anthem. According to the leader of Le Front National, the team is full of foreigners who do not know the words.

"Do I have to sing to prove my patriotism?" asked Marcel Desailly, the France defender. "Wearing the shirt of my country is enough. Even responding to this odious man is giving him publicity he doesn't deserve."

Elsewhere, there was good news for Frank Leboeuf, who yesterday completed a £2.5 million transfer to Chelsea. He signed a four-year contract after talks in Wigan with Stamford Bridge officials. "I am very happy because it has been my ambition to play in England for some time," he said. "I am very excited that Ruud Geffert wants to sign me, and that I will be playing with Vialli."

There was better news too for Christophe Dugary, the forward who will miss the rest of the tournament because of a knee injury. The first prognosis suggested a six-month absence, and a collapse of his move to AC Milan. Yesterday, however, Dugary learnt that he will be laid up only for three weeks. "I cried for two hours after the injury, but it is not so much of a problem. Milan have telephoned me to assure me that the transfer will still be completed," he said.

CAUTIONS: Karembeu (2), di Meco, Blanc, Djorkaeff, Desailly, Dugary, Deschamps. **DM**

CZECH REPUBLIC

Dusan Uhrin faced curious media representatives from around the world. Who was this man who had guided the uninvited Czech Republic to the semi-finals? They were intent on finding the personality behind the stony-faced facade, and indeed they did make Uhrin smile, but who could blame him? "What is your favourite colour?" shouted one reporter. "White," replied Uhrin. Pressing home the advantage, "What do you think about yellow?" came the report. A lesser man might have stomped out but Uhrin good-naturedly revealed that he dreamt of yellow. Then the reporters made a mistake. They asked him about his view of Sunday's referee. The blank stare returned. Uhrin does not take his football lightly.

There was a general air of surprise at the Czech camp yesterday. The scaffolding which holds in place the sponsors' logo was hurriedly re-erected when the official press conference should have been under way and no one in charge appeared to know whether it would be a good idea for the players to mingle with the press. In the end a few just appeared out of nowhere. The joker of the squad is Pavel Hapal, who broke his leg just before the team set off for the tournament but was invited along anyway. One trick he has is to lend players his crutches so that they can fool onlookers in the hotel that there is an injury crisis.

CAUTIONS: Kuka (2), Bejbl (2), Suchoparek (2), Nedved (2), Kadlec (2), Drahak, Nemeš, Smicer. **DISMISSAL:** Latal. **AR**

SEMI-FINAL

France v Czech Republic
Tomorrow
(Old Trafford, 4.0)
BBC1 and ITV

REPORTS: Oliver Holt, Peter Ball, Alyson Rudd and David Maddock

FINAL

WEMBLEY
Sunday 7.0 (BBC1 AND ITV)

HOW THE QUARTER-FINALS FINISHED

England 0 Spain 0
(set, England win
4-2 on penalties)
(Wembley, att 75,440)

Germany 2 Croatia 1
Klinsmann (21 pen)
Sammer (58) Suker (51)
(Old Trafford, att 43,412)

France 0 Holland 0
(set, France win
5-4 on penalties)
(Anfield, att 37,465)

Portugal 0 Czech Republic 1
Poborski (53)
(Vila Park, att 26,832)

HOW THE GROUPS FINISHED

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| England | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 7 |
| Holland | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Scotland | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Switzerland | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| France | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Spain | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| Bulgaria | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Romania | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 |

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| Czech Rep | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 4 |
| Italy | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Russia | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 1 |

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| Portugal | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 7 |
| Croatia | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| Denmark | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Turkey | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 |

GROUP A

England 1 Switzerland 1
Shearer (23) Turkylmaz (83 pen)
(Wembley, attendance 76,567)

Holland 0 Scotland 0
(Vila Park, attendance 34,363)

Switzerland 0 Holland 2
Cruyff (85) Bergkamp (78)
(Vila Park, attendance 36,802)

England 2 Scotland 0
Shearer (53) Gascoigne (73)
(Wembley, attendance 76,864)

Scotland 1 Switzerland 0
McCoist (37)
(Vila Park, attendance 39,000)

England 4 Holland 1
Shearer (23 pen, 57) Sheringham (51, 62)
Kluivert (78) (Wembley, attendance 76,796)

GROUP B

Spain 1 Bulgaria 1
Alonso (73) Stoichkov (66 pen)
(Eland Road, attendance 26,006)

Romania 0 France 1
Dugary (24)
(St James' Park, attendance 26,323)

Bulgaria 1 Romania 0
Stoichkov (3)
(St James' Park, attendance 19,107)

France 1 Spain 1
Djorkaeff (48) Camero (85)
(Eland Road, attendance 35,626)

France 3 Bulgaria 1
Blanc (20) Penev (63) Loko (90) Stoichkov (69)
(St James' Park, attendance 26,976)

Romania 1 Spain 2
Raducioiu (29) Manjarrin (11) Amor (63)
(Eland Road, attendance 32,719)

GROUP C

Germany 2 Czech Republic 0
Ziege (25) Möller (31)
(Old Trafford, attendance 37,300)

Italy 2 Russia 1
Casiraghi (5, 52) Tsymbalov (20)
(Anfield, attendance 35,120)

Czech Republic 2 Italy 1
Nedved (4) Bejbl (35) Chiesa (18)
(Anfield, attendance 37,320)

Russia 0 Germany 3
Sammer (58) Klinsmann (77, 90)
(Old Trafford, attendance 50,760)

Italy 0 Germany 0
(Old Trafford, attendance 53,740)

Russia 3 Czech Republic 3
Mostovoi (48) Tetradze (54) Beschastnykh (85)
Suchoparek (6) Kuka (19) Smicer (89)
(Anfield, attendance 21,128)

GROUP D

Denmark 1 Portugal 1
B Laudrup (21) Sa Pinto (52)
(Hillsborough, attendance 34,993)

Turkey 0 Croatia 1
Vlacovic (85)
(City Ground, attendance 22,460)

Portugal 1 Turkey 0
Coelho (95)
(City Ground, attendance 22,670)

Croatia 3 Denmark 0
Suker (53 pen, 90) Boban (81)
(Hillsborough, attendance 33,671)

Croatia 0 Portugal 3
Figo (4) Joao Pinto (33) Domingos (83)
(City Ground, attendance 20,484)

Turkey 0 Denmark 3
B Laudrup (50, 84) Nielsen (70)
(Hillsborough, attendance 28,951)

PREVIOUS WINNERS

1960 USSR
1964 Spain
1968 Italy
1972 West Germany
1976 Czechoslovakia
1980 West Germany
1984 France
1988 Holland
1992 Denmark

RUNNERS-UP

1960 Yugoslavia
1964 USSR
1968 Yugoslavia
1972 USSR
1976 West Germany
1980 Belgium
1984 Spain
1988 USSR
1992 Germany

LATEST BETTING

7-4: France
15-8: England
9-4: Germany
9-1: Czech Republic

LEADING SCORERS

4: A Shearer (England)
3: J Klinsmann (Germany)
B Laudrup (Denmark)
H Stoichkov (Bulgaria)
D Suker (Croatia)
2: P Casiraghi (Italy)
M Sammer (Germany)
E Sheringham (England)

FOUL PLAY

Cautions 139
Dismissals 7

Goals by Ladbrokes

ENGLAND v GERMANY



ENGLAND

Form
Record (v Germany) P 21, W 9, D 3, L 9,
F 37, Against 28
Last meeting: 1-2 (Paris) (1969), friendly in
Detroit.

Best result: 6-3 (14.5.38, friendly in Berlin)
1996 team (including championship
games): W D W W D W D W D (1-0 Bulgaria,
0-0 Croatia, 3-0 Hungary, 3-0 China, 1-1
Switzerland, 2-0 Scotland, 4-1 Holland, 1-0
Spain)

Tournament statistics
Goals scored: 7
Goal attempts (total): 45
Goal attempts (on target): 24
Corners won: 14
Offsides: 6
Free-kicks conceded: 78
Scorers: Shearer 4, Sheringham 2, Gascoigne

GERMANY

Form
Record (v England) P 21, W 9, D 3, L 9,
F 38, Against 37
Last meeting: 2-1 (Erfangen, Klinsmann)
(1963), friendly in Detroit.

Best result: 3-1 (twice) 29.4.72, EC quarter
at Wembley; 4-0 (twice) in Düsseldorf
1996 team (including championship
games): W W D L W W D W D (2-1 Portugal,
2-0 Denmark, 1-0 Holland, 1-1
Northern Ireland, 0-1 France, 2-1 Liechtenstein,
2-0 Czech Republic, 3-0 Russia, 0-0
Italy, 2-1 Croatia)

Tournament statistics
Goals scored: 7
Goal attempts (total): 41
Goal attempts (on target): 17
Corners won: 13
Offsides: 14
Dismissals: 1 (Stunz)
Free-kicks conceded: 79
Scorers: Klinsmann 3, Sammer 2, Zsage,
Möller

FRANCE v CZECH REPUBLIC

FRANCE

Form
Record (v Czech Republic) P 21, W 7, D 5,
L 9, For 31, Against 36
Last meeting: 2-2 (Lyon) 2 (17.8.94,
friendly in Bordeaux)

Best result: 4-0 (12.6.48, friendly in
Paris)

1996 team (including championship
games): W W W W W D W D (3-2 Portugal,
3-1 Greece, 2-0 Bulgaria, 2-0 Finland,
1-1 Germany, 2-0 Armenia, 1-0 Romania, 1-1
Spain, 3-1 Bulgaria, 0-0 Holland)

Tournament statistics
Goals scored: 5
Goal attempts (total): 41
Goal attempts (on target): 21
Corners won: 18
Offsides: 21
Dismissals: 0
Free-kicks conceded: 96
Scorers: Dugary, Djorkaeff, Blanc, Loko

CZECH REPUBLIC

Form
Record (v France) P 21, W 9, D 5, L 7,
F 36, Against 31
Last meeting: 2-2 (Sofia), friendly
(17.8.94, friendly in Bordeaux)

Best result: 4-0 (10.5.33, friendly in
Paris)

1996 team (including championship
games): W W L W L W D W D (3-0 Turkey, 2-0
Republic of Ireland, 0-1 Austria, 2-1
Switzerland, 2-2 Germany, 2-1 Italy, 3-3
Russia, 1-0 Portugal)

Tournament statistics
Goals scored: 6
Goal attempts (total): 37
Goal attempts (on target): 16
Corners won: 19
Offsides: 14
Dismissals: 1 (Latal)
Free-kicks conceded: 73
Scorers: Poborski, Nedved, Bejbl, Kuka,
Suchoparek, Smicer

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FOOTBALL

Lofty ideal tainted by colour concerns

WHAT do the lords of Euro 96 do when the ball stops rolling for a couple of days between the high intensity of the quarter-finals and the semi-finals?



Football Correspondent

Christian Karembeu, from New Caledonia. What marvellous athletes they are, and where would the France team that could yet win this tournament, this glory for Le Pen's country, be without them?

Karembeu, never one to lack a riposte, countered: "I will do my talking on the field."

Not tomorrow against the Czech Republic, for Karembeu is one of those six suspended individuals: in his case, for lacking the ability to count to ten, or at least to retreat that many yards back from free kicks.

Uefa should not be allowed to turn a blind eye to the thuggery involved, nor to its own culpability in choosing referees inadequate for the job.



Want one of 30 years ago, acquiescing to Umbro, the manufacturers, who are paying them enough to insist that England perform in that dreadful grey.



Sammer celebrates after his foray forward produces another important goal for Germany in their progress to the semi-finals

Sammer leading the battle on two fronts

GERMANY have lost their captain and talisman, but England should beware. In Matthias Sammer, the sweeper, Germany have someone who will pick up the baton with relish

Peter Ball has a warning for England as they prepare for Germany and the new Beckenbauer

indeed, if Jürgen Klinsmann was the ideal spokesman, on the field Sammer is possibly even more important, not just as the orchestrator, but as a scorer of vital goals, too.

the personality and character to play in midfield. I never thought we would cope with the loss of Klinsmann and Bobic, and the mistakes we were making, but Sammer was the decisive man.

entirely composed of westerners, are behind him, but the strength of character is still visible, and so is his belief, matching Klinsmann's, in the team ethic. "It is flattering to be man of the match," he said, "but what matters is the team progress. If you make a contribution to the higher objective, it is nice to be recognised — but what irony if you got man of the match and the team lost."

He has class no England man can match

Not for the first time. It is no coincidence that in his one poor match, against Italy, the whole team struggled as a result, and afterwards Sammer's performance was put under the microscope by the critical German press.

Soaring Czechs enjoy tale of the unexpected

BY ALYSON RUDD

THE Czech Republic are, to the surprise of all, one game away from the European championship final. During the euphoria after their defeat of Portugal on Sunday, Karel Poborski, scorer of the stunning winning goal, was asked whom he would like to face at Wembley.

Will the European championship be won once again by the underdogs? If it is, it will be a victory for Ceska Ulicka or "Czech Alley", the nickname for the style of play. A simple, devastating pass from a midfielder, cut through the defence to the feet of a striker who then scored — that is Ceska Ulicka and so far it has outfoxed sides that ought to know better.



Poborski: stunning goal

Further 2,000 supporters are expected to attend the semi-final. The numbers are modest due to high ticket prices. There is anger among supporters that they are being charged about £75 per seat by the agency in Prague.

Table with fixtures for various sports including Cricket, Football, and Tennis.

Italian to blow final whistle

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

PIERLUIGI PAIRETTO, of Italy, will referee the final of Euro 96 at Wembley on Sunday. His appointment yesterday ended the hopes of Leslie Mottram, of Scotland, and Sandor Puhl, of Hungary, who were also being considered for the championship decider.

Uefa has no plans to review the refereeing standards of Euro 96, despite renewed controversy caused by some erratic displays during the quarter-finals at the weekend, until after the tournament has finished. Matters arising from the disciplinary tally — 139 cautions, and seven dismissals, from 28 matches so far — will be examined at a meeting next month, at which the appointments for the qualifying rounds of the European club competitions next season will also be made.

He speaks English and French, includes skiing and motorcycling among his hobbies, and took charge of the England-Scotland match in Group A ten days ago, in which he booked five players. Sunday will be his third appearance at Wembley in a year — he controlled England's 3-1 defeat by Brazil in the Unihro Cup last June.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

Legal notices section containing various court notices, public notices, and company announcements.

TENNIS: AS THE THIRD SEED FALLS TO FLACH, WIMBLEDON PROVES ITS ENDURING APPEAL — ON COURT AND IN THE KITCHEN

Pierce puts French dressing to one side

So I will bring the important part of the story into the first paragraph and tell you straightaway what sort of dress Mary Pierce wore. It was not one of the little sexy dresses she has been affecting — observe the *mot juste* — in recent weeks.

At Paris she wore That Dress, a black sort of cocktail dress. Every time she leant forward to receive a serve, revealing a few more square inches of absolutely genuine Pierce bosom, a thousand shutters opened and closed in admiration.

But she chose to make her entrance to Wimbledon in a far more demure fashion. The dress was certainly a dress, no functional sporty skirt-and-top for Mary, and it was (obviously) white. It had been fairly violently tailored to her shape, and left no one in any doubt whatsoever that she possesses such things as bust, waist and hips, all of acceptable shape and proportion.

The collar was blue. In fact, she looked not so much like a glamour queen as a rather strict staff nurse. "Nurse, nurse, I'm feeling worse," said one of her entourage, rather lubriciously. I thought I found myself sitting among the Pierce camp, you see. In fact, she looked as if she had been chosen as a poster girl to advertise the delights of Bupa; pay enough money and you, too, can be looked after by a prim-uniformed dominatrix. But it was not a dress designed to steal scenes, so for a while it looked depressingly likely that we would have to concentrate on her tennis.

Pierce was drawn against a 17-year-old Swiss with a chubby face and an eager expression, a player palpably out of her depth and with no great expectations of advancing beyond this match. This was Patty Schnyder, in only her second grand-slam event, and she did not win a match in the

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At Wimbledon

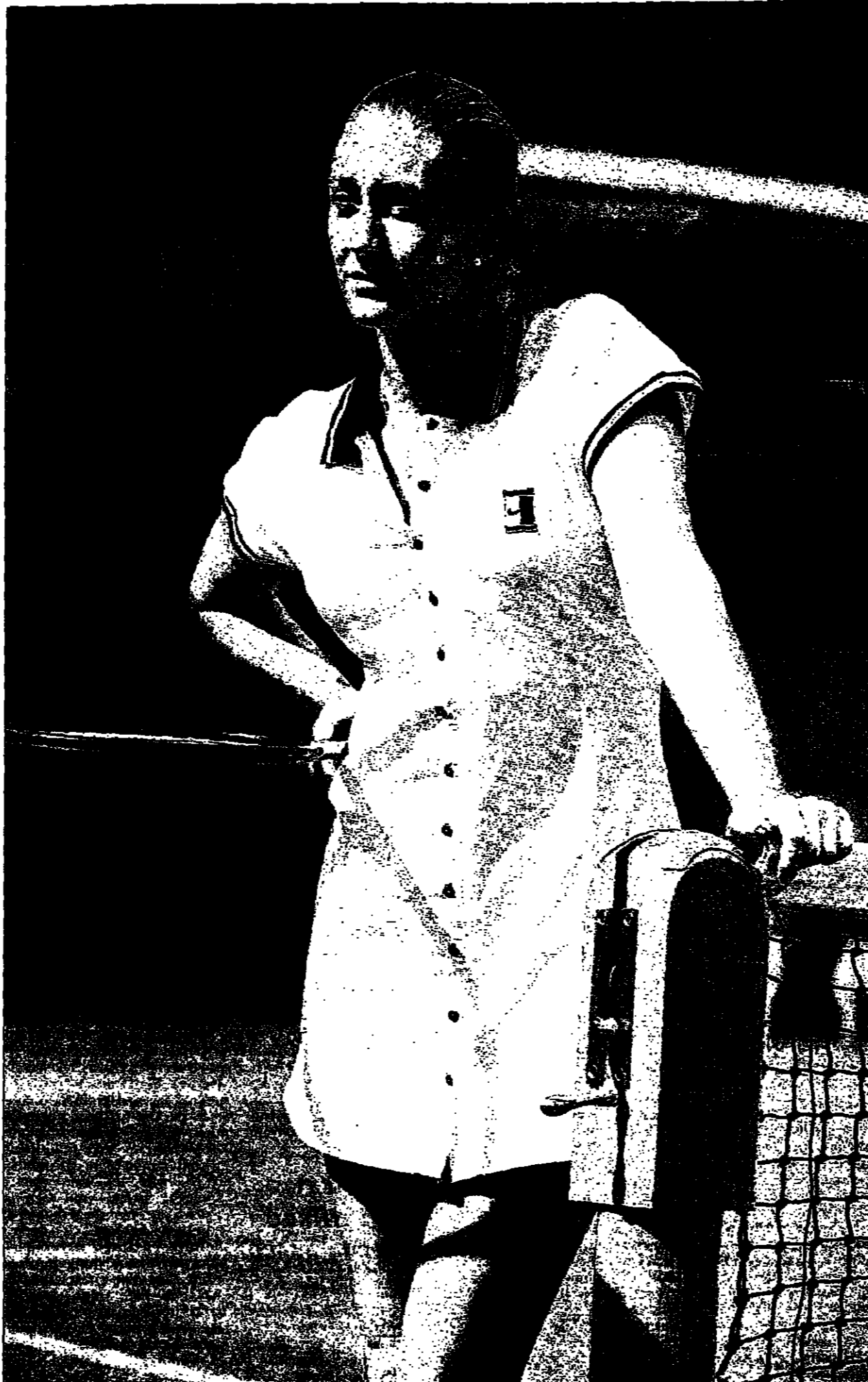
first one either. A simple work-out, then, for any player with pretensions to the championship.

So Pierce lost the first two games, as Schnyder employed the devilish tactic of putting the ball in play as often as possible. Pierce won all right, taking the match 6-3, 6-2. She was 4-0 up in the second set before throwing in a few more wobbles.

Meanwhile, her new coach, Joe Giuliano, was sitting beside me, writhing about all over the place. He acted like a man who had drunk half a dozen pints before the match and was seriously regretting it. He also kept eating his nails and shouting "way to work" and "attagirl" if he was my coach. I would certainly feel inspired to give up tennis forever, and I mean right now, but no doubt he knows what he is doing.

Meanwhile, as the game progressed, Pierce ran through various of her known and loved tricks. She clearly has ambitions of beating the Ivan Lendl all-Wimbledon record for the number of times the ball is bounced between serves. She is already way ahead of all contenders for the record of self-administered hair strokes during a service game.

She is also in pole position in the championship this year for assuming the double-teapot position: both hands on hips in frank disbelief that any line judge, any umpire could so such a thing, to such a person as she, at such a time as this. Her every gesture is so intensely feminine it seems to be borrowed from the reper-



Pierce has words with the umpire during her straight-sets victory over Schnyder at Wimbledon yesterday

toire of a female impersonator. Affected? Mo? But then, as the match progresses, you begin to realise that none of these tricks are affectations at all. They are all essential. Look at a Gothic cathedral: are all those fancy flying buttresses architectural affect-

ations? No, they are holding up the building. And in the same way, it is clear that Pierce's affectations are designed to hold up the cathedral of her personality, a cathedral that is over-ornate and in perpetual danger of collapse.

More important news: there is no sexy dress lined up for later in the tournament. The nurse dress is what she will wear for all her tennis until the US Open in the autumn. "It's very appropriate for this tournament," she said. "Classical. Very simple."

The thing about Pierce is that she is a baroness who thinks she is a queen. Here's a little tip, Mary: if you want to look like a queen, don't chew gum. And if you must chew gum, don't stick out your tongue. Real queens don't have purple tongues.

Agassi breezes in and is blown away

Andrew Longmore sees a former men's champion humbled in the first round

A young American with a white baseball cap and lippy shorts played the match of his life on No 2 Court yesterday. Unfortunately for the crowd and, it must be said, for the lustre of these championships, it was not Andre Agassi. Doug Flach, who had come from two sets down to qualify for only his second Wimbledon and fourth grand-slam event, exposed Agassi to an uncomfortable truth in the sunshine of "The Graveyard". No amount of talent can compensate for the more gritty virtues of hard work and preparation. Sometimes a wing and a prayer is just not enough.

Agassi arrived at Wimbledon woefully short of match practice after playing just four matches in three months and he was on his way back home, the victim of the player ranked No 281 in the world, by evensong on the first day. Flach won 2-6, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6 in just over two hours, a victory which owed as much to his own strength of nerve as to Agassi's evident rustiness.

Given that this was only Flach's second victory in a grand-slam event and that his last appearance in England was last February in a satellite tournament at Eastbourne, this was a highly improbable overturning of odds.

Before yesterday, Flach's sole claim to fame stemmed from his surname. His brother, Ken, was twice Wimbledon doubles champion with Robert Seguso and feistiness clearly runs in the family. If Agassi felt his mere presence would reduce Flach to a gibbering wreck, he was very quickly disappointed. Flach has not spent most of his year touring the provincial theatres of tennis just to blow his lines on the big stage.

Agassi is badly in need of a prompt. After losing in the French Open to Chris Woodruff in the second round, this was the first time that the former Wimbledon champion had been beaten in the first round since 1987 when he lost to Henri Leconte.

Perhaps Agassi was feeling unloved. A few squeals accompanied his arrival on court and a diminutive old lady nearly swooned at his feet as he passed by, but "Agassimania" it assuredly was not. The tumultuous welcome of four or five years ago seemed as distant as Agassi's form and attire.

In those heady days his top was designed to show off his hairy torso to the best advantage; yesterday his long-sleeved, long-waisted, zippy little number seemed carefully styled to disguise tennis's most photographed midriff. Reports from Paris at the end of May suggested that Agassi had plenty to hide.

His footwork was a step slower than usual, which put him on a par with most other players: his hands were as quick on the draw as ever. Agassi can adapt his timing to different surfaces with astonishing speed, but his mind and competitive instinct require a little more sharpening.

The last thing Agassi needed was a hungry young tyro ready to scrap for every last piece of turf. Flach had played almost as many matches in qualifying as Agassi has since March. Agassi badly needed a quick start to raise his own confidence and subdue any premature notions of glory Flach might harbour.

All went well for a set. Agassi was hitting the ball crisply and Flach wore the haunted look of a man in need of a good meal. Agassi broke serve in the first game of the match and walked merrily on his way against an opponent determined to match him for speed of shot rather than subtlety of placement. Though Agassi's first service was working only fitfully, he broke twice to take the opening set in half an hour. The crowd sat back to enjoy the ritual humiliation.

Then Flach woke up and realised that brain could equal brawn. Instead of trying to hit the cover off every ball, he began to slow the pace down, give Agassi nothing to hit. The tactic worked to perfection. Gone was the whizzbang certainty of the opening set and in its place a nervous kitten of a player posing as a former Wimbledon champion.

Agassi's service fell to pieces, his groundstrokes flew to all corners, points were thrown to the wind with casual grace.

Flach, by now finding shots he did not know he had, took the tie-break with ease and when the third set went the qualifier's way too, Agassi's young fan club reached crescendo of anguish. Flach even monopolised the showmanship, once winning a point when flat on his back at the net, and by the decisive tie-break he sensed rightly that this was to be his day.

Lobster eaten, net-cord judges beaten

When people asked me what I would do "you know, when you pack it in" — I used to tell them that I fancied becoming a tennis net-cord judge. For this high office you require neither sight nor hearing; just sufficient feeling in one digit to notice a tremor. Then do you shout "let". It is all an elderly chap wants, a central position and the opportunity to be heard every now and again.

What was a serious blow, this Wimbledon, is that my chosen calling is no more. Like the dodo, net-cord judges are extinct. High tech has taken over. A magic eye, laser beam, aluminium chip — I know not what but, in some dank, dark basement where no mention of the men shall be heard, they sit considering a Luddite rising. It will not come.

The sun shone on the open-

ing day of Wimbledon 1996 yesterday, as neatly organised a military operation as one could encounter. Queue here for strawberries, there for Pimm's; the new No 1 Court which looks like a Roman arena will, in God's good time — probably next year — seat 11,000 people; *son et lumière* tells how it will be and there are architects' plans and a full complement of television screens showing graphs and statistics.

Samppras is on Centre Court; Becker on No 1. A queue of groupies sit outside a door from which, rumour has it, Agassi will appear when the match on No 3 Court ends.

I lunch in the Wingfield restaurant; lobster, almost certainly killed in accordance with RSPCA recommendations. Then black and white chocolate mousse, which I eat

looking at the purple and green theme of the All England Club, compared to which the MCC is dangerously liberal.

Look where you will at Wimbledon and something is going on. The smell of hot-dogs, which are called Dutchies, permeates the air; there is the opportunity to buy sweets, described as bonbons.

An announcement asking people interested in questioning Mr Radulescu to go to the interview suite comes over the public address system. I buy an ice cream. Three naval cadets wearing hats respectively inscribed HMS this, that and the other go briskly about their business.

On No 14 Court, they are cheering Jeremy Bates. I ask a girl to tell me why.

Well, she says, he has lost 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, so he was getting better all the time and "he gave us a lovely wave as he left the court". Five girls each carrying a card bearing a letter to complete the word "Bates" trail off, their duty done.

On the adjacent court, two Amazons are playing long rallies. The marker board identifies them as Miss Makarova and Miss Studenikova; I ask a security man which is which. He asks me whether it matters.

He says: "Have you seen Samppras?" I tell him that I saw him last year, and that Becker is going to win Wimbledon; the man who works for Radio Ward, a hospital broadcasting service, who looks as if he knows what it is about, told me.

A cushion shop sells its wares at £5; not only do you get a soft seat but a couple of inches of extra elevation. At the back of Centre Court is a notice stating "some seats are behind pillars and these are reduced in price".

In the press room, which is long and thin and has windows overlooking many

courts, an engineer is repairing the Coca-Cola dispenser. Nothing serious. At the desk in front of me, a Japanese journalist chokes on a salt and vinegar crisp; nothing serious there, either.

Chang loses. In his recorded television interview, a hack asks: "Where did it go wrong?" Chang is a deeply religious man; he tells the journalist more politely than I would have done. Time for tea.

On my way to the strawberry room, I pass a door marked International Commentary Position and assume one: bend forward, hands cupped to my mouth, left foot raised. A naval cadet wearing an HMS Nelson hat asks whether I am feeling all right. During tea, possibly because I was wearing my MCC tie, a man comes to inquire what is happening at Lord's. I tell him that I now think we are not going to lose. He asks: "Who is we?" Back to the action.

RESULTS FROM THE ALLE

Table with tennis results for Men's singles, Women's singles, and Mixed doubles. Includes winners, runners-up, and scores for various matches.

TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY

Table listing the order of play for tennis matches on the day, including court numbers and player names.

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CRICKET: RUSSELL AND IRANI STAND FIRM ON WEARING LORD'S PITCH TO ENSURE SECOND TEST MATCH ENDS IN A DRAW

India thwarted by England's occupying power

LORD'S (final day of five): England drew with India



Cricket Correspondent

ONE of the proudest, most pertinent boasts of the England team fashioned by Raymond Ilingsworth is that it has become durable under strain, difficult to beat. More by circumstance than design, Ilingsworth is now a marginal figure in a dressing-room fussed over by David Lloyd, but the merit of his legacy was evident at Lord's yesterday.

The chairman of selectors made an increasingly rare appearance on the team balcony during a morning session in which four wickets fell, giving India a distinct whiff of victory. Ilingsworth will have gone to his lunch chuntering discontentedly but, by bedtime, his faith had been restored and a draw secured. Another England team, at another time, might not have survived.

If it was faintly alarming that England even flinched under defeat, in a game they had entered as firm favourites, it was reassuring that they were shepherded to safety by Jack Russell and Ronnie Irani: Russell, of course, was put on this earth for just such obstinate defiance but Irani was batting out of character, which made his occupation of the crease from 20 minutes before lunch until the last over before tea all the more laudable.

Technically, England were not quite safe when Irani was bowled off an inside edge. The lead was 143, with three wickets standing and 33 overs to bow; a hat-trick immediately after tea might have made for a hair-raising run-chase. Russell was having no truck with such fantasy finishes, though, and, in company with a newly-obdurate Chris Lewis, ensured that England will go to Trent Bridge for the final game next week still 1-0 ahead.

They will not, however, travel with the confidence they brought to Lord's, for, after looking much the superior side at Edgbaston, things were different here. The Indians bowled with more sense and discipline than England; their batting also improved dramatically, though they had comfortably the pick of the conditions. This match has done much to revive their spirits. In effect, it has saved the tour from terminal decline.

That India began this game so low on self-esteem remained apparent yesterday, for while they came close to a winning position, they did not attack the opening wholeheartedly. Their field-settings

were equivocal as if they suspected a plot to embarrass them late in the day. It was also three hours before Azharuddin looked beyond his three main bowlers, indicating either a lack of imagination or a lack of faith.

That said, those three bowlers performed superbly and, if Irani had perished while living precariously against Srinath directly after lunch, the match might have had a different outcome, with India winning on this ground for only the second time in 13 attempts.

Srinath has not enjoyed the luck his bowling has deserved, so few could begrudge him an early score of fortune yesterday. Stewart, facing his fourth ball of the morning, pushed stiffly away from his body — an old failing that one had avoided the previous evening — and dragged the ball into his off stump. This was a missed opportunity for him and he must now wait fretfully to see if a recovered Nick Knight will reclaim his place.

Three more wickets were to fall before lunch, the last of them belonging to Peter Martin. This was valour beyond the expectations of a



Irani: defiant stay

nightwatchman and compensation of a sort for a man whose bowling in this game has not been sufficiently penetrative. Martin batted for more than two hours before dabbling Prasad to second slip, a moment in which the Indians perhaps realised for the first time that they might level the series.

Before that, Thorpe had been acrobatically caught at short leg by Rathore as a ball from Kumble, fired into the off-stump rough from around the wicket, bounced and spun wickedly, and Hick had failed for the second time in a match he will want to forget. He spent 25 minutes on nought and had just square but Prasad violently for four when he was caught behind off one that lifted and left him.

The occasional ball behaved eccentrically yesterday, though not regularly enough to make this a poor or hazardous pitch. This was as well for England, who had lost four wickets for 57 by lunch and led by only 85. Irani, a free spirit who attacks by instinct and preference, now dared not lose his wicket; Russell, who relishes such drama, did not even contemplate it.

Irani's role in this match has been something of a mystery. He cannot, by right, bat at No 6 for England unless he is also a significant member of the attack and, as one of five seamers, he was never likely to be over-bowled. His first-innings failure therefore created extra pressure for him yesterday and he responded nobly — if, at first, with the help of the fates.

A wild pull might have gone to hand but fell safely; an edge flew agonisingly wide of the diving Rathore at second slip; and an indeterminate push almost became a return catch for the silently seething Srinath, who suffered in all three instances. Exhorted by Russell, Irani now settled down, punctuating more studious defence with some dashing back-foot off drives, a couple so lordly that Ted Dexter would have approved.

Russell, who batted for almost a day and a half of this game, should have been out leg-before to a shooter from Prasad when ten but umpire Hair relieved him. Inside the last half-hour, Dickie Bird showed no such mercy, raising his finger instantly for his final leg-before decision and then spinning to examine his handiwork on the giant replay screen. Thereafter, tears of sentiment for the retiring Bird, sighs of relief for England.



Martin survives an appeal from Kumble during his stubborn innings yesterday. Photograph: Jackie Arzt

Lloyd happy with rearguard action

THE mood within England's dressing-room, after the draw that maintained their lead in the series with one Test to play, was relief. "If I was in the Indians' position," David Lloyd, the coach, said, "I would be disappointed not to have won."

Lloyd praised the efforts of Jack Russell, who batted for 9½ hours in the match, and Ronnie Irani, who was playing in his second Test. Together, the pair batted their team through to survival after the bowling of Srinath, Prasad and Kumble had given the touring team reasonable hope of winning the match.

"I thought we were absolutely brilliant in this game," Lloyd said. "The Indians will be pig-sick they did not win. The conditions for bowling were far more favourable for them. In fact, there was too much movement on the first day; the bowlers would not want that much. The way we stuck to the task in adversity pleased me no end."

Michael Henderson reports on a mood of relief felt within the England camp

Michael Atherton, who failed twice with the bat, amplified Lloyd's comments. "We recognise that if we can't win a game, we must make sure we don't lose it. We had the worst of the conditions here and, in the end, it was a good effort to come out of the match with a draw. It shows there is a bit of steel in the team."

The team that goes to Trent Bridge next week, for the final Test, will not feature many changes. When the selectors meet in Salford on Saturday night, the main point of discussion will be whether Nick Knight regains his opening spot at the expense of Alec Stewart, assuming that the Warwickshire player's cracked finger has mended properly.

Although England conceded a first-innings lead of 85 to

India, as well as a hundred to one Test newcomer and 95 to another, the captain said that he was happy with his bowling resources, though he admitted that a spinner will be named in the party for Nottingham.

"We're happy with Cork and Lewis taking the new ball," Atherton said. "Mullally has impressed in both Tests so far, getting the ball to bounce, and making their batsmen work hard for their runs. They got more than 400 here, which is not ideal from our point of view, but we made sure they spent time getting them and would have less time to bowl us out twice."

Atherton would not be drawn on his likely decision, had he won the toss, but said he thought Azharuddin had been brave to put England in

to bat and, given the bowling conditions on the first morning, probably right to do so. "The pitch always deteriorates at Lord's later on, but batting was tricky early on in this match."

Lloyd, alluding to the batting of Stewart on the fourth evening, stressed the need "to be competitive", which is fast becoming his signature tune. These are still the early days of his stewardship and he is, or appears to be, blind to other aspects of England's performance. They did not recognise Ganguly's hundred, which was a shame, but it is probably all part of "being competitive".

When the match came to a halt at 5.20 yesterday, Dickie Bird took a tearful leave, surrounded by policemen, and made an absolutely final curtain call on the pavilion balcony. He may wish to have stood in a better match to mark his retirement from international cricket but such is life.

SCOREBOARD FROM LORD'S

Table with columns for England and India scores, wickets, and bowling figures. Includes sections for England: First Innings, England: Second Innings, India: First Innings, and India: Second Innings.

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Parsons provides focus in Leicestershire charge

BRADFORD (final day of four): Leicestershire (24pts) bt Yorkshire (4) by an innings and 151 runs

IT WAS James Whitaker, the Leicestershire captain, said, one of the proudest moments of his career. He had just led his adopted county to their first win over his native Yorkshire at Park Avenue in 17 matches, stretching back to 1889, and he could not wait to tell his players what they had achieved.

"Focus" has been the buzz-word at Grace Road since he took over the captaincy from Nigel Brier and now the players go into a huddle at the fall of each opposition wicket, congratulating one another on what they have done and planning what they are going to do next.

Not that there was a great deal to do next. Yorkshire began the final day needing 179 to avoid an innings defeat with five wickets in hand and lost them in 16 overs for the addition of 28. Only Michael Bevan, the Australian, showed the fight expected of a supposedly-resurgent side, who had started the match on top of the championship table.

Returning on 45, he had square cut Millins for his fifth four to reach 50 and at the same time become the first batsman to complete 1,000 first-class runs this season. By then, however, he had already lost White, who was caught behind, playing tentatively at a good ball from Gordon Parsons which lifted and left him. Blakely

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Superb Sussex on a high

HOVE (final day of four): Sussex (24pts) bt Glamorgan (3) by an innings and seven runs

TO WIN four county championship matches out of five is quite an achievement. For Sussex to do so after playing as poorly as they did during May is astonishing. They had to contend yesterday with bowling at Matthew Maynard, some of whose strokeplay was imperious, yet victory was still achieved without their having to bat again.

When Sussex were having such a wretched start to the season, it was hard to know which was less likely — winning three consecutive championship matches or one of their players falling a drug test.

Howe is supposed to be a gentle place. And what would George Cox have made of drugs at the Nevill, Tunbridge Wells, where once only birdsong assailed the senses? Nigel Bett, the Sussex secre-

ary, would not be drawn further on the matter, save to say it is now in the hands of the Test and County Cricket Board. To judge from the way Sussex are performing at present, stimulants of any kind are quite unnecessary. They won this match shortly after lunch. Indeed, they effectively did so when Maynard, whose century was his second of the season in the championship, was out.

Glamorgan's captain had resumed with his side 151 runs in arrears, which had much to do with having batted first on a damp pitch last Thursday. He knew that he would have to come up with a large innings, for only Cottee was capable of doing so from the batsmen who remained. Some of Maynard's strokes, notably when forcing the ball square of the wicket, were superlative.

The problem was that he began to run out of partners. Cottee, who had made 33 overnight, reached a half-

century with five fours and put on 141 with Maynard in 32 overs. He departed through playing slightly across the line at Drakes and, after that, no batsman partnered Maynard for long. Thomas was too sluggish to beat Salisbury's throw from the boundary and Butcher was bowled pushing forward at Giddins, who then appeared to beat Croft for pace. All the while, Maynard, who was watched by Graham Gooch, was striking the ball with that freedom which, until the years of his cigarettes catch up with him, will arouse the enthusiasm of any selector.

At lunch, Glamorgan still needed 32 runs to make Sussex bat again. Maynard reached his century, which included 14 fours and a six, off the first ball afterwards. To be churlish, his dismissal, to a catch at deep mid-wicket off Salisbury, was through a shot he could have avoided. But that is the way he plays — and it is always fun to watch.

starting on Saturday evening, without conceding a run. Hartley broke the sequence by hammering him through the covers for four but was the last blow Yorkshire struck in

anger before Millins wrapped up the match by bowling Hartley and Stemp with successive balls.

So, Leicestershire move into a challenging position in the championship, 12 points behind Kent, the leaders, with a match in hand. And the sharply-focused Whitaker believes that they can keep it up. "We are going to have a lot of matches at Grace Road in the second half of the season. Provided we can get some bouncy wickets, and depending on what frame of mind Alan Mullally is in when he comes back from the Test matches, we must have a chance."

Even though he was otherwise engaged at Lord's, Mullally was very much part of Leicestershire's preparation for this match. "We said on Wednesday night that we must show

Alan that we can still win when he's not here." Whitaker said. But he still has to be part of our focus when he comes and plays for us."

Mullally will not have to look far for his example. Parsons is 36 but he still did more than anyone to bowl Yorkshire out twice on a pitch which had not changed much since Leicestershire were making 681 for seven declared on it with both Wells and Whitaker scoring double centuries.

They used to call him "bullhead" because of the snarling aggression which often did more to inspire the batsmen than improve his bowling, but Parsons is a mature cricketer these days. "He learnt to bowl in the old school — and when he comes across a pitch like this, he knows how to exploit it," Whitaker said.

YESTERDAY'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for Derbyshire, Sussex, Glamorgan, Yorkshire, and Leicestershire. Includes batting and bowling statistics for each team.

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CRICKET

Minnnows unlikely to catch a large fish

BY SIMON WILDE

THOSE seeking the romance of a giant-killing in the first round of the NatWest Trophy, which annually offers some of cricket's Davids the chance to aim their slings at Goliaths, may be sadly disappointed today. With each passing year the prospect of such an outcome seems more remote, the only realistic consolation for the amateurs being the personal chance to catch the eye with runs or a few wickets.

With their sights set on the big prize on offer at Lord's on September 7, the first-class counties have been ruthless and unceremonial in their approach to these matches for several years and their insistence that the venues are not routinely those of their second-class opponents has reduced the scope for an upset.

The last first-class county to lose to a minor county on the field — as opposed to in a bowl-out, which cost Derbyshire their contest with Hertfordshire in 1991 — was Northamptonshire eight years ago, when Cheshire, their conquerors, possessed local knowledge of the pitch at Chester. Northamptonshire's unfamiliarity with the conditions was illustrated by Geoff Cook baring

throughout the visiting team's 55.3 overs for 53 runs.

As it happens, Northamptonshire have been drawn to play Cheshire today and the fact that the game will be played at Northampton is not the only reason to doubt a repeat performance. The hosts were runners-up last year, they are the most successful one-day county in the country this season — and they remember 1988. Rob Bailey, the captain, describes it as "one of the worst days of my career".

The seven minor teams with home advantage are Cambridgeshire, Cornwall, Cumberland, Ireland, Lincolnshire, Oxfordshire and Staffordshire, but several are up against formidable one-day exponents.

Cambridgeshire — winners of the minor counties knockout cup last year and bolstered by the presence of Simon Kellen, the former Yorkshire batsman — meet Kent at March and Cornwall entertain Warwickshire, the holders, on their delightful, rural retreat at St Austell, where a full house of 5,000 is expected. Warwickshire will be without Knight, Munton and Piper, all of whom are injured. Reeve, the captain, will test his fitness

this morning. At Stone, many of the opposing players will be on familiar terms, as Staffordshire's opponents are neighbouring Derbyshire, who have regularly provided their talented youngsters with an entry into the first-class game. Derbyshire's staff includes four former Staffordshire players in Kim Barnett, Dominic Cork, Tim Tweats and Allan Warner, though Dean Jones intends to rest Cork after his exertions in the Lord's Test match.

Perhaps the best prospect of a scare or two will be at Chester-le-Street, where Durham, who have yet to beat first-class opposition this season, could make heavy weather of beating Scotland.

Suffolk, who play Somerset at Taunton, ought to be lifted by the presence of Derek Randall — providing he does not, of course, get stuck in the traffic and arrive too late to play, as he did for the first round last year. □ John Cloughton, one of the most successful masters-in-charge of cricket in Eton's history, relinquishes the post after their annual match against Hertfordshire today. The fixture, which is the oldest at Lord's, is the 161st between the two schools.



Randall, a key figure for Suffolk against Somerset at Taunton

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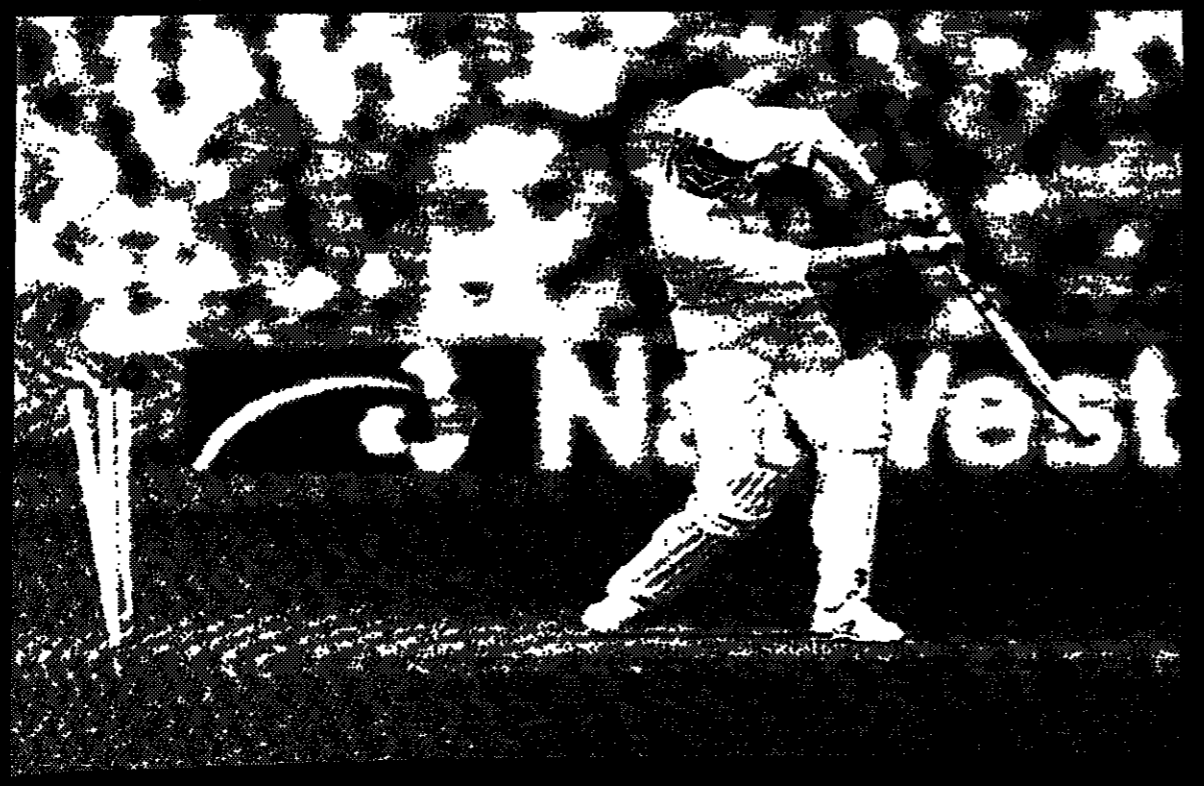
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Legionnaires' disease brings lads out in pixels

Do you wish to become anonymous and change your name? That seemed like two unrelated, almost contradictory questions to me, but the recruiting sergeant in the French Foreign Legion did not look like a man to waste time on the niceties of sentence construction. A simple oui or non would suffice.

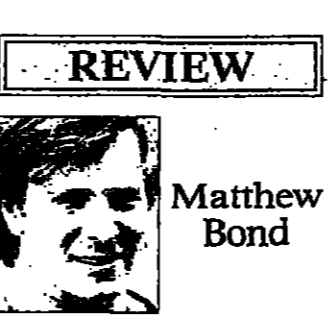
Non. And you moved swiftly on to the next stage of training — bidding *adieu* to a full head of hair and being kitted out with a very small pair of white running shorts. Answer oui and not only did you get a new name, you also joined the small but scary band who appeared throughout Ian Taylor's Foreign Legion (Channel 4) last night with faces pixellated, their identities hidden behind a mosaic of dancing electronic squares.

Never can pixels have been applied with such care. The merest hint of an ear that had requested anonymity and out would come

the electronic craser. Terrifying sergeant-majors, bad boys who lurked at the back of singing lessons and, most noticeably of all, "number 21" in the nocturnal counting class — they all took the computer-generated veil. Gaining access to the French Foreign Legion was one thing, getting them out of the cutting room had clearly been quite another.

Further proof was the conspicuous difference between the verbal accounts of the two British recruits whose progress we were following and the pictures that accompanied them. Both complained of being punched, but not a single assault was captured on camera. "They hit you quite hard," said 18-year-old David Devine who, if he had chosen a new name, had clearly mispelt it. It was his Christian upbringing that was getting him through, he explained.

Taylor's film was a little slow-moving to pursue the fashionable



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Matthew Bond

But that was a picnic compared with the singing lessons. Singing, it was explained, is integral to "training and cohesion". The problem is that the Foreign Legion is a little short of jolly tunes, preferring gloomy-sounding dirges that apparently go very well with the Legion's slow, rolling swagger. Currently top of the pops in the Aubagne training camp is a deadly little

ditty that begins: "Soldats de France..." After six hours and unrepentant punishment runs up and down a nearby hill, I thought our boys — bless their little cotton shorts — were sounding dreary enough. But apparently not. "They need to come out of their shells a bit," explained an officer with a pixellated ear for music. Part two is tonight.

If Professor Steve Jones ever gets round to setting in *Blood* (BBC2) to music, last night's final instalment should go down well with lachrymose Legionnaires. They will be able to swagger along unhappily to such hits as "Die and Your Genes Die With You" or "The Great Engines of Evolution are A-Grinding to a Halt". Yes, after six weeks, Jones, now established as the king of the scientific one-liners, had reached the end of the genetic road. So, he explained, had the human race.

Whether this was a good thing

or a bad thing, I wasn't quite sure. He tried to explain: "It is not genes that drive society, it is society that drives genes."

All of a sudden, I longed for the simplicity of "do you wish to become anonymous and change your name?"

Jones tried again: "The most important event in the human genetic future has been the invention of the bicycle. Or perhaps the 747." Well, make up your mind.

But Jones persevered in that laid-back style that has made him watchable during the past six weeks, if not always readily understandable. But what I think he was saying was that because of bicycles and planes and things, most of us no longer marry our cousins, thereby reducing the chance of a set of unwittingly related parents passing on two copies of the same lethal or debilitating gene to their

offspring. That reduces the number of people who die for genetic reasons and, in turn, slows the engine of natural selection... By George, I think I've got it. I feel a chorus of "Soldats de France..." coming on.

But people, of course, do still die, a fact that occupied *Panorama* (BBC1) as it took a noisy gallop around the scientific and ethical issues that surround the subject of animal transplants. A little less shouting from reporter Gavin Hewitt and a little more science might have been helpful, as it seemed to me that many of the ethical objections would evaporate if the problems of rejection and cross-species infection are ever properly solved. But the fact that I can even write that sentence and know — even if only for a day — what it means, is proof that Hewitt had laboured, and indeed shouted, to good effect. All together now: "Soldats de..."

- 6.00am Business Breakfast** (33372)
7.00am BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (35903)
9.00am Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (2053531)
9.20am Real Britain's Tricks of the Trade (i) (7362274)
9.30am The Natural World (i) (Ceefax) (2580361)
10.20am Film: Hot Enough for June (1965). Spy satire starring Rod Taylor, Sylvia Koscina, Robert Morley and Leo McKern. Directed by Ralph Thomas. Including 11.00 News and weather (83758000)
12.00am News (Ceefax) and weather (9822274)
12.05pm Going for Gold (6162816)
12.30pm For the Love of It (2903274)
12.35pm Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (4890670)
1.00pm News (Ceefax) and weather (38090)
1.30pm Regional News and weather (72424361)
1.40pm Wimbledon 96. Live coverage from Centre Court as reigning champion Steffi Graf opens the ladies' singles competition (s) (2969009)
5.35pm Neighbours (i) (Ceefax) (s) (341496)
6.00pm News (Ceefax) and weather (854)
6.30pm Regional News Magazines (106)
7.00pm The Good Food Show. Food ideas and simple recipes with investigative reports (s) (7309)
7.30pm EastEnders. A family crisis means a long, hard night for the Mitchell clan. Ian's attempts to improve relations with Cindy are not appreciated, Tony discovers some more information about Simon, and Robbie is on the warpath (Ceefax) (390)
8.00pm England v Germany Special (Ceefax) (s) (3729)
8.30pm Goodnight Sweetheart. Gary's time-travelling begins to get the better of him when he is caught for a drink-driving offence in 1994, after consuming too much alcohol in 1941 (i) (Ceefax) (s) (5564)
9.00pm News (Ceefax) and weather (8274)
9.30pm Flying Soldiers: War. The six remaining trainees face their final challenge as they embark on a mock-up exercise in which Britain is at war and they must fly below radar height to get a shipment of the "armory" (Ceefax) (8) (43835)
10.00pm Cardiac Arrest. Dr Colin and three patients are put at risk by a knife-wielding psychiatric patient impersonating a doctor. Last in series (Ceefax) (s) (21089)
10.30pm Today at Wimbledon. Highlights from SW11 (Ceefax) (s) (38854)
11.30pm International Athletics. Highlights from this evening's athletics from Helsinki (267835)
12.15pm Film: Heat Wave (1980) starring Cloisly Tyson, Blair Underwood, James Earl Jones and Sally Kirkland. Award-winning drama based on the experiences of LA Times reporter Robert Richardson during the Watts riots of 1965. After his graduation, Richardson encounters difficulties in finding work as a journalist. When the riots erupt in the Watts district, he volunteers to cover the story — as the LA Times is unable to send any of its white staff into the area. Directed by Devin Hooper (Ceefax) (842011)
1.45am Weather (1449591)

- 8.00am Open University: Measuring the Earth and the Moon** (629651) **6.25pm Polar Oceans** (6282458) **6.50pm Home and Away** (3779212)
7.15pm See Hear Breakfast News (3412678)
7.30pm Smurfs' Adventures (i) (1723632) **7.55pm Blue Peter** (i) (7141545) **8.20pm Postman Pat** (i) (7906070) **8.35pm The Record** (4370926)
9.00pm Yesterday at Wimbledon (Ceefax) (s) (35090)
10.00pm Playdays (i) (2503941) **10.25pm Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased)** (i) (5666125)
11.15pm Camp Wilder (i) (4185748) **11.40pm Consumption** (3594201) **11.45pm Postman Pat** (i) (8910800)
12.00pm Wimbledon 96. Desmond Lynam and Sue Barker introduce coverage of the opening match of the ladies' singles competition (46380)
3.00pm News (Ceefax) (4306903)
3.05pm Westminster with Nick Ross (Ceefax) (s) (4616496)
3.55pm News (Ceefax) (2134962)
4.00pm Cartoon (6805187) **4.05pm Dennis the Menace** (Ceefax) (6839570) **4.30pm Ocean Odyssey** (Ceefax) (903) **5.00pm Newsround** (Ceefax) (6809421) **5.10pm Activ-8** (Ceefax) (s) (1654816)
5.35pm Wimbledon 96. Further coverage of the championships introduced by Desmond Lynam and Sue Barker (4519358)
8.30pm Tracks. Guide to the countryside. Lindsay Cannell has a wild night out in his wood, while survival expert Ray Mears tracks down his favourite plant. There is also a stroll along one of Britain's prettiest rivers, the Walkham in Devon (Ceefax) (s) (3106)

The Good Food Show
BBC1, 7.00pm

Food programmes have never been more popular and this second series repeating a tried and tested formula will appeal both to budding chefs and canny consumers. The regular presenting team comprises Juliet Morris, droll Pete McCarthy and trouble-shooting reporter Will Hanrahan, who will be offering insider information on the food industry in general and the show's format in particular. The series is a masterclass from a top chef, easy-to-follow recipes for "Simply Delicious Suppers" and "Primo Puds", consumer reports and news about the latest food fads. Today Pete McCarthy goes on a Japanese restaurant crawl, asking whether the cuisine has more to offer than raw fish and sake, and the Scottish chef Nick Nairn shares some imaginative ways of cooking vegetables.

The Bill: Spill
ITV, 8.00pm

Perversely ignoring its 1,000th show, the popular police series salutes its 999th edition with an hour-long special involving all three "999" emergency services. *Spill* is the dramatic tale of a tanker overturning outside a busy T-junction and spilling dangerous chemicals. As ever, this is crisp, no-frills storytelling with the hour-long format making little difference to the pace — *The Bill* was after all an hour-long show which only changed to its half-hourly, twice-weekly format in 1988. These days the programme is the UK's top police drama series attracting 12 million viewers per episode, but for its makers there is still an element of surprise about its success.

Foreign Legion: Jungle Warriors
Channel 4, 9.00pm

This second documentary about the Foreign Legion, celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, once again takes us in at ground level, this time following the experiences of a batch of Legionnaires, some fresh recruits, some training, as they arrive for more training and humiliation in the jungles of French Guiana. Before being dropped by helicopter into the heart of darkness, the Legionnaires are introduced to the beasts that will keep them company, including alligators, spiders and pythons — they are expected to grapple with the latter. The training itself involves survival techniques and a nightmarish, mud-splattered obstacle course. All this is vividly conveyed but the programme lacks perspective. Starved of information about the real role of this mercenary mercenary company, including alligators, spiders and pythons — they are expected to grapple with the latter. The training itself involves survival techniques and a nightmarish, mud-splattered obstacle course. 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No 3 seed is leading casualty of dramatic opening day of surprises at Wimbledon

Flach floors Agassi the unready

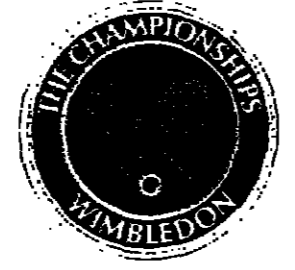
THE LOTTERY of the early days of Wimbledon, where players must grapple with the unfamiliar bounce of lush grass as green as billiard tables, yesterday took its toll.



At Wimbledon

Pete Sampras, defending his title for the third consecutive time, himself dropped the first set to Richey Reneberg before finding his touch.

Wimbledon in 1992, he also won the US Open in 1994 and the Australian Open last year.



Photograph 1 Letters 21 Agassi's upset 50 Simon Barnes 50 Bates bows out 51

Agassi's abrupt elimination on No 2 Court, that notorious graveyard for seeded players, by his compatriot, Doug Flach, 2-6, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, will have surprised no-one who witnessed his sloppy display in the French Open three weeks ago.

Flach, 25, is the brother of Ken Flach, twice Wimbledon doubles champion, but has only once gone past the first round of a grand-slam event, when reaching the second round of the US Open second round in 1993.

Looking overweight, as he had in Paris, and weary around the eyes, perhaps the legacy of a brief bout of flu last week during practice at Aorangi Park, Agassi said: "I was one of many guys trying to do well, and didn't... I'm trying to get my game back to the top level again."

Yesterday, however, he swept Chang aside by 3-6, 7-6, 7-6, 6-4 in two and three quarter hours.

Courier, Wimbledon finalist in 1993 and former holder of four grand slam titles, was never in the hunt against his compatriot and friend, Jonathan Stark, ranked 130, who won 6-2, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 on No 3 Court. But Courier shook his head in helpless resignation as his rival's string of winners went fizzing past him down the lines.

Both Sampras and Boris

Becker, the No 2 seed, had cleared the first hurdle confidently, Sampras after his initial hiccup, but each admitted that the problem involved in transferring from the clay of Paris to Wimbledon in a changeover restricted to two weeks had become increasingly hazardous given the great depth of today's men field.

"For someone who doesn't like it [grass], whose game doesn't suit it, there aren't the tournaments to adjust and time is so short," Becker said having raced to a straight-sets victory over Fleurian, of France, for the loss of only five games.

The competition [among players] is so tough, you've got to be at your best for the first round, you can't play your way into the tournament."

Costa's rise since being an outstanding junior has been rapid. Inspired as a boy when watching McEnroe on television, he has moved aggressively through the singles ranking during three years at a threatening rate: from 221 in 1993, then 52, then 24, and now 17.

This season has seen him defeat Thomas Muster on clay, and he is one of the most improved players in the game.

Yet while Chang was sanguine in defeat, Costa came off court seeming bemused by his own success, unsure what should be his tactical approach to the second round.

The pair had met in the first round two years ago, Chang winning in straight sets. "I don't know my feelings," Costa said, looking slightly puzzled. "What do I do? Hit big serves, go to the net? I want to think just day by day. I know I need to be more aggressive. I played good in the last game, and was lucky he made two double faults."

Chang, himself only 24 though it seems he has been around a decade or more, reached the Wimbledon quarter-final in 1994. Such is the breadth of reward available to players these days, he did not seem too dismayed by yesterday's reverse.

"Initially I had difficulty because my serve was on and off," he said. "I had opportunities to break him, but couldn't convert them and that makes a big difference on grass, where it's easier to hold your own service. In '94 I played from the back almost the whole time, but I don't consider there's any surface I can't play on. Otherwise there's no sense to come."

The unhappy Courier, twice champion of both Australia and France, looked as uncomfortable as a boules player from a dust and pebble car park in the Bois de Boulogne, alongside Roland Garros, suddenly finding himself on a bowling lawn at Budeleigh



Flach shows his determination in stretching to make a return during his sensational victory over Agassi on No 2 Court yesterday

Salterton. He could do little more than blink as Stark — a powerful striker of oft Zin, who last year won the mixed doubles with Martina Navratilova having met her only five minutes before their first match, raced to a 6-2, 5-1 lead. Courier's game was utterly capitulated, and though he punched back a few fierce returns to recover to 5-4 he surrendered the second set and then the fourth.



Costa in aggressive form as he topples Chang



Stark celebrates his triumph over Courier

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and solutions.

No 817

- ACROSS: 1 In a foreign country (6) 5 Dedicate (6) 8 Body appendage (4) 9 Outside-wall covering (8) 10 Heavy cloth for sails (6) 12 Civet secretion for perfume (4) 15 Invite quarrel (5,4,4) 16 Ground area: crusaders' capture (4) 17 Commotion (6) 19 RC priest's book (8) 21 Charity bazaar (4) 22 Animal for rabbiting: to poke around (6) 23 The angry have it up (6)

SOLUTION TO NO 816 ACROSS: 1 Soft soap 5 Mild 8 Toiletary 9 Flat 11 Liner 12 Unwaged 13 Ribbed 15 Callow 18 Rotunda 19 Baker 21 Gump 22 Absorbed 23 Lost 24 Drudgery

DOWN: 1 Swelter 2 Feign 3 Swear blind 4 Atrous 6 Illegal 7 Dated 10 Sweet blood 14 Betimes 16 Worldly 17 Camber 18 Rigel 20 Keble

Venables takes a wary view of Germany's vexed preparations

By OLIVER HOLT

THE baiting chants, the songs about "two World Wars and one World Cup", were echoing across the crowded platforms at Wembley Central station within an hour of England's victory over Spain on Saturday.

It has taken hold in subtler forms, too. It is there in our desperation not to tempt fate by acknowledging that England might be the favourites against a German team for the first time since 1970; that, at last, we can recreate the glories of 1966 in the best possible way, by beating Germany again just as we did 30 years ago.

More than anything it is there in our suspicion that Jürgen Klinsmann, the most feared of Germany strikers, is indulging in some intricate subterfuge, pretending that he has torn a calf muscle and that he will not be fit for tomorrow's semi-final, while all the time he is planning a grand and morale-sapping return that will turn English faces ashen.

Limping and forlorn as he traipsed through Heathrow with the rest of his team-mates

yesterday, Klinsmann said categorically that he would not play at Wembley. "I am definitely out of the match against England," he said. "It looks like the European championship is finished for me. I do maybe have a little bit of hope if we get to the final but I have no chance for Wednesday."

Those begging for caution and restraint will at least feel they have been vindicated by the news from the England training camp that Paul Gascoigne, Teddy Sheringham, Tony Adams and Darren Anderton were all forced to miss training yesterday for the second day in succession, all suffering from injuries picked up against Spain.

The session was closed to the media yesterday but there was the official relaying reports from the front, and, on Sunday, Venables seemed confident all would be fit. Adams's knee needs rest between games, Anderton is taking no chances with a tight hamstring, Sheringham has a dead leg and Gascoigne has a strained ankle, but nothing in the same league as the injuries that have already befallen Jamie Redknapp and Steve Howey.

It is hard to believe, in short, that things are coming right for England because the Germans have made an art-form of peaking just in time for major championships, always grinding out the results when



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they matter and leaving apparent form-tears clutching at the defusions of vulnerability they had dared to entertain.

"You always know what sort of system the Germans will be playing because they stick to it but they will still make you take difficult decisions during the game. Their players force opponents into a decision of: 'Are you coming with me or not?' If it is a very quick question, it has to be a quick answer and it must not be the wrong answer."

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How West's envoys were trapped in dangerous liaisons

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

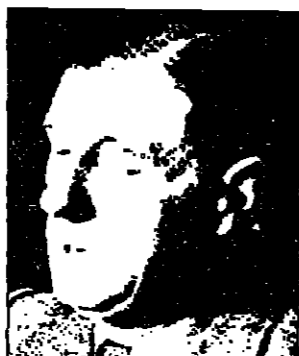
"SLEEP Nato" used to be the injunction about sexual liaisons issued to Western embassy personnel by security chiefs. All too often, however, the maxim was ignored — to the delight of KGB spies and the consternation of Western diplomats, politicians and soldiers who had fallen into the "honeytrap".

Soviet entrapment techniques usually involved attempts at seduction so transparent that they became standing jokes. But the techniques sometimes worked, even at the highest level. The commonest ploy was to use the Russian women locally employed in Moscow embassies to strike up relationships with their bosses.

Two ambassadors were thus entrapped. In 1968 Sir Geoffrey Harrison was recalled after his liaison with the embassy maid was discovered. The incident happened at the time of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, and it was widely assumed that Britain had withdrawn its ambassador in protest.

A French ambassador was similarly compromised, and summoned back to Paris where President de Gaulle asked to see him. He was taken in to the Elysée, and after a long silence de Gaulle looked up at him. "Alors," he said icily, "on couche?"

Entrapment was usually a prelude to blackmail and an attempt to persuade a Western diplomat or military attaché to



De Gaulle: icy rebuke

hand over secrets as the price for silence. It was most spectacularly successful with John Vassall, the junior naval attaché in Moscow in 1954-56, who was blackmailed after being photographed in a compromising situation with another man. He regularly handed over documents to the Russians after his return to Britain until his arrest in 1962.

A Conservative MP and former intelligence officer also had his career ruined by sexual scandal. Commander Anthony Courtney, sent to Moscow as the deputy head of the British Naval Mission in 1941, rose to become head of the Russian section of naval intelligence and on retirement in 1953 became an agent for firms dealing with the Soviet Union.

He was befriended by a glamorous Intourist official during his business trips, the KGB photographed their bed-

room trysts, and the subsequent row led to his divorce as well as the end of his parliamentary career.

There were several unpublicised cases of student leaders, Western military attachés and businessmen being lured into sexual encounters with women or men working for the KGB. Most were quietly withdrawn, or ordered to leave. More recently, the Russians played upon the frustrations and loneliness of the US Marine Guard at the American Embassy, where they recruited a marine to hand over documents.

Sergeant Clayton Lonetree, who was released from prison in America last week, was seduced between 1984 and 1986 by a Soviet woman working as a secretary in the American Embassy. He was persuaded to allow KGB spies to enter the building and gain access to the names of Soviet citizens on the CIA payroll.



Russian fans of Deep Purple at the Dinamo Stadium in Moscow, where the veteran British heavy rock band topped the bill at an all-day concert

Berlin becomes new front line in anti-Nato battle

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

BERLIN, Cold War capital of espionage, has again become a hive of Russian spies who are bugging visiting businessmen, shadowing and recruiting as if Len Deighton and John le Carré were still writing the script.

Eduard Vermander, chief of Berlin's counter-espionage authority, says that Russian spying in the city is on the increase, especially for German economic and scientific information.

A report for the federal German counter-espionage agency backs up Herr Vermander and says that Russian agents are mopping up intelligence about electronics, information technology, computer developments and biotechnology. Western optical security technology — which can track signal traffic — appears to be a priority.

The overall strategic aim, apart from gleanings of information useful to the modernisation of the Russian economy and armed forces, is to find ways of slowing down the absorption of Central

Europe into Nato. This was set as the top goal by Yevgeni Primakov, the former KGB chief and now President Yeltsin's Foreign Minister.

The targets may be new but the methods are all too familiar. According to Herr Vermander, businessmen in Berlin can no longer be certain that their conversations on hotel telephones are secure. Those working in sensitive industries should also beware of being dragged into "compromising situations", the counter-espionage expert said.

Under diplomatic cover, members of the Russian Embassy have been wining and dining scientific experts, businessmen and political analysts. Some recruitment attempts have been spotted at industrial trade fairs: Russians were particularly thick on the ground at the recent international air show.

"For agent communication, which is usually directly with Moscow, radio signals and so-called dead letter boxes are again in use," the annual counter-espionage report says.

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requirements is now required to file a contact report with the regional security officer as soon as possible after initiation of such a relationship. Employees are reminded that the intelligence threat Russia poses to the US is formidable and the purpose behind such reporting is to ensure employees do not become subject to exploitation by a foreign intelligence service.



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Clinton wins delay in Paula Jones sex harassment suit

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON enjoyed a rare respite from the scandals besetting his White House yesterday when the Supreme Court put Paula Jones's sexual harassment lawsuit on hold until after November's election.

The court agreed to hear arguments by Mr Clinton's lawyers that civil lawsuits against sitting presidents should be delayed until after they leave office in all but the most exceptional cases. The hearing will be later this year, and the court will not deliver its ruling until long after the election.

Ms Jones has accused Mr Clinton of luring her up to his hotel room and propositioning her when he was Arkansas Governor. Mr Clinton has denied her allegations, and the court's decision prevents the episode coming to a head just as the country goes to the polls this autumn.

Mr Clinton suffered further embarrassment from the case only last month when his lawyers suggested in their petition to the court that Mr Clinton, as commander-in-chief of America's armed forces, should enjoy the same protection from civil lawsuits as active-duty servicemen.

Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman, said Mr Clinton was told of the court's decision while attending a conference on family values in Tennessee and was "pleased". Ms Jones's lawyers said the



Jones: hotel allegations

delay would prevent them "collecting evidence before memories fade, documents are lost and witnesses die or become incapable of testifying". Ms Jones's lawyers have reportedly approached Mr Clinton's lawyers about a possible settlement under which she would abandon her lawsuit if the President's insurance company paid her legal fees and he agreed to acknowledge meeting her. The White House said no.

On other fronts the news for him was less good. Capitol Hill's Republicans are threatening to cite the White House for contempt of Congress unless it surrenders by tomorrow the remaining 2,000 pages of "Travelgate" documents subpoenaed by a House committee. Last month the White House reluctantly produced

1,000 pages concerning the 1993 dismissal of its travel office staff but claimed the rest were protected by executive privilege. Those 1,000 pages contained a clue that exposed "Filegate" — the White House's improper acquisition of FBI files on 407 Republican officials.

Mr McCurry also disclosed that Mr Clinton was "very angry" at the White House's continued inability to answer key questions about the files, now being investigated by Kenneth Starr, the White-water special prosecutor.

One unanswered question concerns the provenance of the list of Republican officials whose files the White House Office of Personnel Security requested. The Secret Service has denied White House claims it provided it.

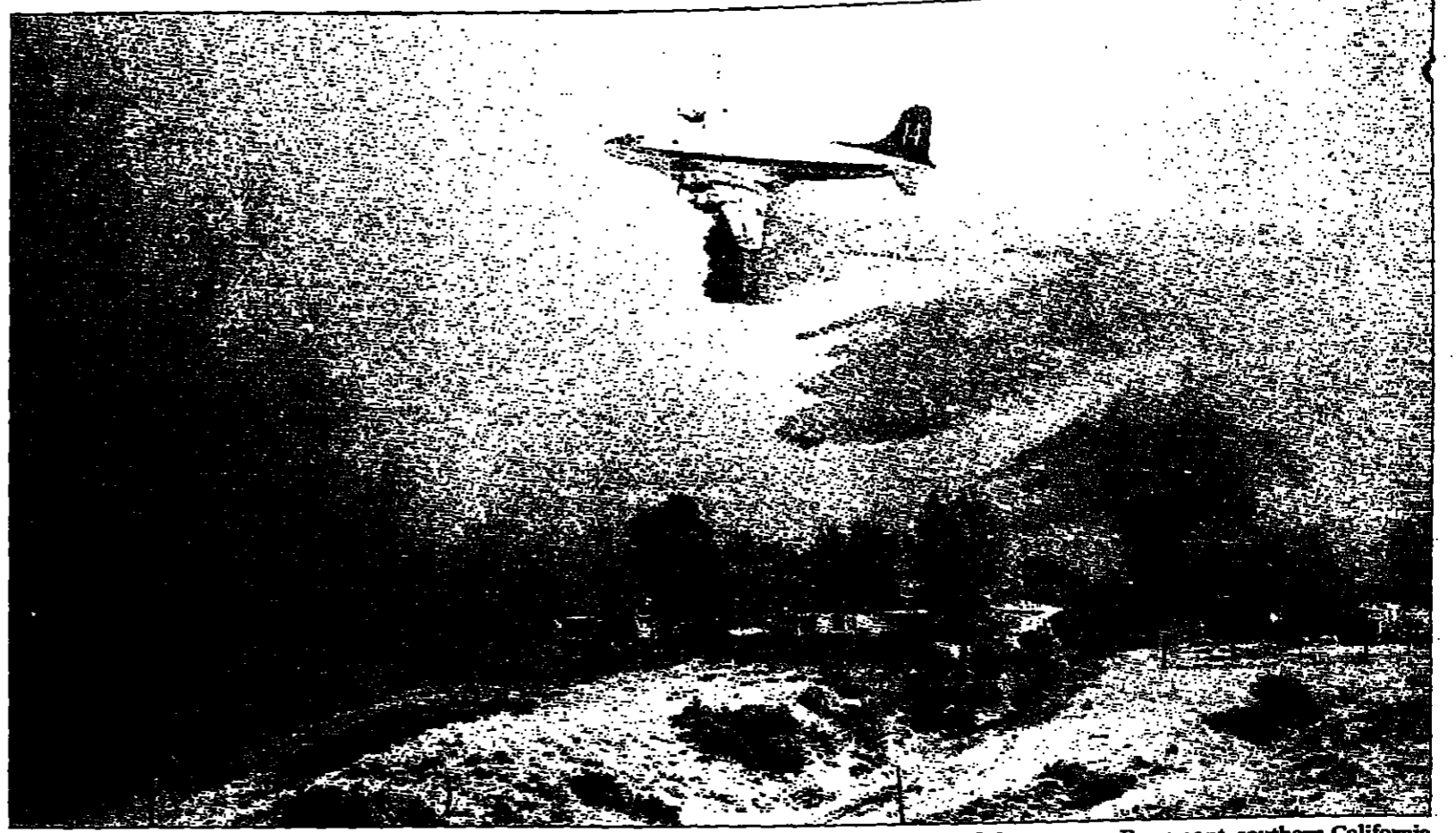
Another question is how Craig Livingstone, a low-level political operative and former restaurant bouncer, came to head the office and who authorised him to request the files. A third is whether information from the files was put to any political use.

□ Cover-up suspected: Most Americans believe President Clinton did something illegal in the Whitewater affair, according to a Harris poll. It showed 52 per cent are convinced he is guilty of criminal behaviour in his failed 1970s Whitewater land deal and 56 per cent believe he is trying to hide it. (AFP)

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A view of Bill Clinton's difficulties by Moir in The Sydney Morning Herald



An aircraft drops flame retardant near homes abandoned by residents as a brushfire burnt about 750 acres near Beaumont, southern California

US set for summer scandals

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

FOR American conservatives this promises to be a glorious summer of disclosures about President and Mrs Clinton, ranging from the plausible to the bizarre.

When it comes to choosing books for the beach, the right-wingers and conspiracy theorists who have never accepted the legitimacy of Mr Clinton's 1992 election will be spoilt for choice.

Will it be David Brock's *The Seduction of Hillary Clinton*, which, according to the *New York Post*, will "blow the lid off the First Lady's sex life"? Mr Brock is the journalist who first reported the charges of rampant infidelity levelled against Mr Clinton by his former Arkansas bodyguards. He has now turned his delicate journalistic attentions to Mrs Clinton.

Another offering will be *Boy Clinton: The Political Biography* by Emmett Tyrrell, editor of the ultra-conservative *American Spectator* magazine. Mr Tyrrell concludes that the young Clintons were so far to the left that in an earlier era they would have been labelled fellow travellers. "It is just not true he is a lifelong red-blooded American," Mr Tyrrell said of the President.

President braced for G7 furore over Cuba trade

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON is prepared for a showdown with his allies at the summit of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations this week over America's efforts to curb global trade with Cuba, Libya and Iran.

His economic aides in Washington signalled yesterday there would be no backing down when Mr Clinton meets other G7 leaders in Lyons.

The American moves have caused anger in Canada, Japan and Europe. Last week, European Union leaders meeting in Florence threatened to retaliate against US legislation that would impose economic penalties on foreign companies investing in the three "rogue states".

The Europeans gave a warning of their "deep concern" over the provision already signed into law by Mr Clinton to punish foreign firms investing or trading in Cuban properties that were confiscated after Fidel Castro came to power. The law has provisions for suing the companies in American courts and barring their executives from America.

The EU was also upset by pending legislation in Congress that would penalise foreign companies selling equip-

ment to, or investing more than \$40 million a year in, the Iranian or Libyan oil industries. The sanctions would include a ban on the companies' products in the US and limits on loans to them by American banks.

The G7 allies say they share Mr Clinton's aims of halting international terrorism by Iran and Libya, but object to the US imposition of a secondary boycott similar to that imposed by Arab states against companies trading with Israel, which the US fiercely opposed.

The Americans are accused of being high-handed and of using their economic clout to dictate a world trade policy that ought to be decided by consensus among nations.

Daniel Taranto, assistant to Mr Clinton for economic policy, said there should be no doubt about the Administration's resolve. "The President is quite clear that it is imperative for the world community to take action to contain these countries which are threats to peace and democracy," he said.

The Europeans want to continue a "critical dialogue" with Iran, which is now desperate for Western investment. As for Libya, existing

UN sanctions do not affect foreign-owned ventures, but the new proposals would.

There are signs that America's unilateral application of trade restrictions is having its effect. A survey by *Business Week* magazine found that Broken Hill Proprietary of Australia may drop a \$1 billion (£650 million) pipeline from Iran to Pakistan, and Royal Dutch Shell may reconsider a proposal to develop an Iranian offshore field. Italy's state-owned energy company, ENI, is said to fear that the proposed law would disrupt its huge project to pipe Libyan gas to Europe.

The tough legislation was crafted by Republicans in Congress, but Mr Clinton may reap some electoral advantage from it by confronting the other G7 powers on a matter of principle over profits.

He also intends to use the Lyons gathering to claim success in promoting economic growth and creating jobs. In a speech last week, he criticised relatively high unemployment in Europe and said that during his term in office the G7 nations had produced ten million jobs — 9.7 million of them in the United States. "That's something to be proud of," he said.

Honours of state for Papandreu

Athens: Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Socialist former Prime Minister who died on Sunday, will be buried with honours usually reserved for a head of state.

His funeral will take place tomorrow and he will be buried next to his father, George, a former Prime Minister. A military procession will accompany the cortege and public services will be closed for the day. (AFP)

Baby sale arrest

New York: A Canadian woman has been arrested for running an international baby-selling operation (Tom Rhodes writes). She is said to have sold Hungarian infants for as much as \$55,000.

Quebec clash

Quebec City: Two police officers were injured in running battles with youths as 80 people were arrested after 2,000 revellers at Quebec national day festivities rioted in the Canadian city. (Reuters)

Ethiopia 'plot'

Addis Ababa: An Ethiopian intelligence agency says it has broken up a clandestine group planning to overthrow the year-old Government of Meles Zenawi and has arrested Teye Woldeesenayit, its leader. (AP)

Pakistan tax riot

Karachi: Three people died when hundreds of demonstrators demanding withdrawal of harsh new government tax laws clashed with police in Rawalpindi, six miles from Islamabad, Pakistan's capital.

Camp closes

Kuala Lumpur: Sungei Besi, the last Vietnamese refugee camp in Malaysia, will close today. The last group of 100 refugees is going home under the United Nations voluntary repatriation programme. (AP)

Arab summit fails to soften Israeli line

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

WARREN CHRISTOPHER, the American Secretary of State, returns to the Middle East today at a time when the gap between Israel and the Arabs on future peace talks has widened.

Conditions laid down by the 21 members of the Arab League at their weekend summit in Cairo continue to sour the atmosphere with Israel's right-wing Government. Tomorrow, Mr Christopher will meet President

Mubarak and Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader who has been cold-shouldered by the new Israeli administration of Binyamin Netanyahu. American officials are also planning a trip to Syria.

Reinforcing Israel's initial rejection of the Arab demands that it soften its attitude in advance of renewed peace talks, David Levy, the Foreign Minister, told Israel radio: "The version of the other side that Israel must make total

withdrawal and divide Jerusalem... and dismantle settlements... is not acceptable to us." Speaking in Paris, Ze'evulun Hammer, an Israeli Deputy Prime Minister, ruled out the granting of more power to the Palestinians: "This Government will not accept a Palestinian state. Our position is that they should have autonomy but not a state."

Mr Hammer hinted that Israel is also thinking of watering down its commitments to withdraw from the occupied West Bank city of Hebron, a pledge that was negotiated by the previous Labour administration but delayed until after the election. Palestinians claim any such change will prompt a new intifada.

"It is possible that the Israel Defence Force may want to occupy strategic points in Hebron even after the city is ruled by the Arabs," Mr Hammer said. "Maybe the army's presence in a few houses where there are Jews

the original deal negotiated by the former Prime Minister, Shimon Peres will not suffice to ensure the security of Jewish settlers and we will have to find new means so that Jews can live safely in Hebron." At present 450 Jews.

Jerusalem: America will soon send a prototype of a laser anti-missile defence system to Israel for tests. A Defence Ministry spokesman said yesterday. The Nautilus system, financed mainly by the US, is designed to shield Israel from Katyusha rockets fired by Islamic guerrillas in Lebanon. (Reuters)

most supporters of Mr Netanyahu, live in the city surrounded by more than 120,000 Palestinians. American sources have emphasised that one purpose of Mr Christopher's trip will be to lay groundwork for Mr Netanyahu's inaugural visit

to Washington next month. Observers believe that the American team will be trying to mend fences after the public support given by the Clinton Administration to Mr Peres.

According to Israel-based diplomats, Mr Netanyahu was previously scarcely on speaking terms with the State Department's top Middle East policy co-ordinator, Dennis Ross.

In Gaza yesterday, Mr Arafat appeared to gain heart from the Arab summit's warning to Israel that any reconsideration of peace promises would be met in kind. "The Arab summit conference was very fruitful, very important and it was a very strong platform to recover Arab unity and solidarity," he said.

But the right-wing *Jerusalem Post* took a very different view. "The threatening tone of the summit statement does not augur well for serious negotiations between Israel and her Arab neighbours," it said.

Japan sect leader's accuser 'in fear'

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

THE woman who shocked Japan by accusing Daisaku Ikeda, the supreme leader of the nine-million-strong Soka Gakkai sect, of assault and rape, spoke yesterday of the dangers she faces in taking on the nation's largest Buddhist organisation.

"I live in fear," said Nobuko Nobuhira, 60, a former follower of Soka Gakkai who filed a suit against Mr Ikeda this month. "I get piles of abusive mail, 40 or so 'silent' phone calls every day. My apartment is under surveillance around the clock. I suppose they hope I will be driven to commit suicide."

Mrs Nobuhira claims in her suit that Mr Ikeda, the most powerful politico-religious figure in Japan, raped her on three occasions between 1973 and 1991 during visits to the northern city of Hakodate. In a statement yesterday, Soka Gakkai International said the accusations by Mrs

Nobuhira and her husband, who is also suing Mr Ikeda for damages, were "groundless and completely fabricated". Explaining why she took nearly five years after the last alleged incident to file the suit, Mrs Nobuhira said she had dreaded the effect the claim would have on her husband, and ailing parents, whom she had recruited for the organisation. "I could not bring myself to confess to my husband for a very long time," she said.

For 36 years Mrs Nobuhira said she had devoted herself to the sect, and had agonised before deciding to sue Mr Ikeda, who is worshipped by the Soka Gakkai faithful. The organisation is able to mobilise followers at election times to vote for its affiliated Clean Government Party. Last year it was responsible for about half the 12.5 million votes won by the opposition alliance to which it belongs.

RUSSIAN ELECTIONS

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Kabul's Mr Fixit maps a way out of the morass

I was sipping tea on the veranda when the first rocket landed with a loud bang two or three hundred yards away. I knew then that I was well and truly back in Kabul.



Sandy Gall reports from Kabul on Ahmad Shah Masood, the power behind the throne who hopes to form a coalition government

Two more rockets followed, a thin cloud of smoke rising through the trees on the far side of Wazir Akbar Khan, where President Rabbani has a well sandbagged house. No doubt that was part of the attraction for the Taliban gunners who have been unsuccessfully besieging Kabul for more than a year. I had just come from the Taleban capital, Kandahar, which by contrast was peaceful. But it was the calm of the grave, I felt, whereas Kabul, for all its problems, is vibrant.

anyone else. He has a plan and the energy to pursue it. In the course of the next few days, two meetings, and a long talk, I watched him trying to implement stage one of his plan: the formation of a coalition government, which would then draw up a constitution and hold elections.

Our idea is not to hold on to power in Kabul, but rather to allow the people to decide

din Hekmatyar, the Pushtun leader, to agree to be Prime Minister, with defence and finance thrown in for good measure. I suggested that that may be a risky if not reckless gamble. Mr Masood does not see it like that.

to Mr Masood is considerable. Not only has the former favourite of the Americans and the Pakistanis been persuaded to change sides, but by doing so he has split the old and dangerous alliance with the northern warlord, General Abdul Rashid Dostum.

One evening, on a terrace facing the snowcapped peaks of the Hindu Kush, overlooking the Shomali plain where Mr Masood once fought the Russians, I saw him deep in conversation with a group of Kandahari commanders — a prominent member of the moderate Gailuni Party, Syed Salman Gailani, who was the Afghan Foreign Minister for a short time in 1992. Mr Gailani told me afterwards that there were few real differences between their two parties and he was confident that they could be overcome.

Mr Masood, who works an 18-hour day, has been talking to most of the other parties as well. Only two, for the time being at least, are considered impossible bedfellows, the Taleban and General Dostum. But as Mr Ghaforsai, his foreign affairs adviser and Deputy Foreign Minister, put it to me: "Mestiri [the former UN special envoy] made the

mistake of trying to get a consensus. We are trying to get a majority of the political parties together in a coalition."

A couple of days later, sitting in a garden fragrant with the scent of roses and honeysuckle, Mr Masood described his plan to me in detail. In stage one, lasting six to 12 months, with President Rabbani still in office, the coalition government would set up various commissions: one to draft a new constitution, a second to plan a national army a third to deal with national security.

A Loya Jirga (the traditional Grand National Assembly) would be called. In stage two, President Rabbani would resign. Once a ceasefire has been declared, the Loya Jirga would ratify the constitution, implement the plans for national security and a national army and, very important, "prepare the ground for elections". Mr Masood said: "Our idea is not to hold on to power, but to allow the people to decide."

Later, after dinner, Mr Masood listened raptly while a friend recited Hafiz, a Persian poet of the 14th century, joining in from time to time. But then the Afghans, as has been said, are fundamentally a nation of poets.

Embassy plan: Alexander Obolov, Moscow's special Ambassador to Afghanistan, has arrived in Kabul to examine the possibility of reopening the Russian Embassy for the first time in four years, officials said yesterday. (AFP)



Ahmad Shah Masood: he appears more able to unite the warring factions in Afghanistan than anyone else

Canberra to review killings

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

THE Australian Government will this week unveil the results of an investigation into the deaths of six journalists, including two Britons, killed during Indonesia's invasion of East Timor 21 years ago.

Alexander Downer, the Foreign Minister, told parliament yesterday that the report, which was ordered by the Labor Government last year, would be both comprehensive and fully considered.

The guarantee came after concern expressed by Shirley Shackleton, a widow of one of the dead men. Mrs Shackleton said she had photographs of a burial ceremony which Australian Embassy officials claimed was the burial of the reporters, but there was only one coffin. "I want that coffin exhumed. I want to know what's in it," she said.

Jakarta: Megawati Sukarnoputri, daughter of the late President Sukarno, was deposed as the leader of Indonesia's opposition Democratic Party at a congress in north Sumatra. (Reuters)

Hasina pledge to foster Bangladesh democracy

FROM REUTERS IN DHAKA

THE new Bangladeshi Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina Wajed, yesterday promised sweeping administrative and economic reforms aimed at giving democracy a permanent footing in the country.

"The policies of privatisation and free market economy will continue. State-run radio and television will be granted autonomy and local governments will be strengthened," she said in a broadcast. Economic reforms would continue, but measures would be taken to protect local industries against growing competition, she said.

Terrorism would be tackled with a heavy hand, she added. "The press will enjoy freedom, government-owned newspapers will be privatised and the administration will be made free from corruption. But no action will be taken against anyone out of vengeance," Sheikh Hasina said.

Taking office, she promised to foster multiparty democracy in a nation which has been run by the military for much of its 25-year history. "We have

set the goals... and will strive to achieve them with the help of all parties, who I believe will work together for common causes. "One of the first priorities of my Government is to curb terrorism at all levels and improve law and order," she said. "Terrorists, no matter which party or group they belong to, will be arrested and punished to establish rule of law."



Hasina: portrait not to be put on display

President Biswas swore in Sheikh Hasina and her 19 ministers at a ceremony at the presidential palace on Sunday after her Awami League, out of power since 1975, won the most seats in the 300-strong parliament in elections on June 12.

The league won 146 seats against 116 for the Bangladesh Nationalist Party of Begum Khaleda Zia, the former Prime Minister.

Sheikh Hasina held a Cabinet meeting yesterday and issued directives that no government or private office should display her portrait. Instead, they should put up pictures of her father, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who led Bangladesh to independence from Pakistan in 1971, officials said. He was killed with most of his family in a 1975 coup.

Guerrillas say Pol Pot still alive

PALESTINE: Pol Pot, the elusive leader of Cambodia's Khmer Rouge army, is still alive and playing a leading role in running the radical guerrilla group, Khmer Rouge officials said.

"He is still alive and travels from base to base giving moral support to the comrades," said Colonel Anna, the deputy commander of the Khmer Rouge in the west of the country.

Rumours that Pol Pot had died of malaria in the jungle began circulating in Cambodia earlier this month. (Reuters) Fair trial, page 20

Rifkind tells Nigerian junta to speed democratic reforms

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

MALCOLM RIFKIND joined foreign ministers from seven other Commonwealth countries in a confrontation yesterday with Tom Ikimi, the Nigerian counterpart, who argued that his country was moving far enough along the road to democracy and should not be subject to Commonwealth sanctions.

As the two days of talks began in London, Nigeria freed two political detainees, Tunji Abayomi, a rights activist and lawyer for General Olusegun Obasanjo, a former head of state, and Abdul Oroh, director of the Civil Liberties

Organisation. Commonwealth sources made clear that this gesture did not go far enough. The eight ministers in the Commonwealth Action Group are pressing for the release of all political detainees, including Chief Moshood Abiola, supposed winner of the 1993 presidential election, whose wife Kudirat was murdered last month, and an accelerated timetable for a return to democracy.

Mr Ikimi, heading a 16-man delegation, said curtly that "democracy has already been restored" as he went in for the talks. Demonstrators outside

waved banners and chanted slogans against the Nigerian military Government. After his release, Mr Abayomi complained he had had no access to his family since his arrest last July. Two weeks ago, Nigeria promised to review the cases of political detainees when it accepted a report by a United Nations rights group.

Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, the Overseas Development Minister, joined the discussions of the Commonwealth ministers, led by Stan Mudenge of Zimbabwe, in the afternoon. A final session will be held today.

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A junkie finds salvation

PERSONAL CRISIS

There is an old quote from somewhere that sums up my feeling on belief. "Religion is for people who want to avoid going to Hell. Spirituality is for those who have already been there."

As a child I grew up Church of England. At Sudeley Castle my family have always been involved in the local religious community. I was brought up to feel that I should support the local church and subscribe to its customs and beliefs. I went to prep school at Ludgrove, where we had to go to church three times a week, but I found it a bit of a bore. God was presented as very judgmental — a man with a huge white beard who was like an angry schoolmaster. It was instilled in me that if I didn't do what I was told, this God figure would come down and do something horrible.

By the time I was a teenager I had rejected that idea. Although I was confirmed at the age of 14, I had begun to notice which boys at school were joining the Church. In my opinion they were the best, sheep-like boys, who didn't want to be individual or question the religious principles on offer. The cool and hip people — the ones I wanted to be like — just weren't interested. By 16, I considered religion to be a garbled load of mumbo-jumbo that had lost its real message. It irritated me. I continued to go to church at home to avoid rocking the boat, but I felt like a hypocrite.

From the age of 16 to 21 everything changed. I got into drugs — cannabis, cocaine and heroin — and they brought me to my knees. I began taking them because I thought that they would turn living into a breeze and remove the small irritations of everyday life. I felt there was some kind of void in my life and was sure drugs would fill the gap.

As an alcoholic and junkie, I believed only in the bottle and the joint. They became a power far greater than myself, which totally controlled me. I realised that when, at 18, I tried to give them up, I found instead that I was imprisoned by them. I made promises to myself to achieve in other parts of my life, but the drugs always got in the way. That time was an era of total spiritual bankruptcy for me. I had a complete lack of hope or desire to continue my life. Normally, if you are in a desperate situation, you do



try to retain some sense of there being a light at the end of the tunnel, but I felt nothing but darkness.

In the end my friends tried anything to give me back some kind of belief, so that I could reach for something beyond despair and chaos. I went to the States and in Minnesota I met a Catholic priest called Father MacLeod. He taught me that once you force open the door that recognises happiness, it will open wider on its own.

I looked at the aspects of my life that made me feel bad. Frankly, I was just sick and tired of feeling sick and tired, and of letting everybody down. That helped me to give up the drugs and drink. Instead I tried to lead a life in which I wasn't constantly abusing myself.

I think finding spirituality is exactly about finding good things in your life. It's not a trendy appendage you can suddenly add to your life. It's about making slow, gentle changes to your behaviour.

I am angered by the guilt which accompanies the saying that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to get through the gates of heaven. I certainly have felt immense guilt about my own money. But learning that abundance has so many definitions makes it easier to deal with. Also living in the States, where there is a real ethic to better oneself, rather than feeling constantly guilty about what you have, has helped me a great deal. In America there are plenty of wealthy and successful people who also lead dedicated spiritual lives.

I meditate for about half an hour each day. I use the Kundalini method, which is part of the Seikh Yogic movement. It is one of the oldest forms of meditation. You sit down and repeat a mantra to yourself. I don't chant out loud or anything like that. I just try not to let my thoughts interfere with the mantra. This stops your mind racing. In the West we are preoccupied with being successful. But the real test is to be able to cope when nothing is going your way.

HENRY DENT-BROCKLEHURST

'I was sure that drugs would fill the void I felt in my life'



Henry Dent-Brocklehurst partying with Liz Hurley: drink and drugs once led him to spiritual bankruptcy

A divine plan for all of us

MY CHRISTIAN FAITH

I believe that God has a plan for every human being, and that the way to discover it is by putting our lives into His hands. I hold to that belief not for any high-flown "spiritual" reason, but simply because I have found, by experience, that it works.

I came upon these, to me, preposterous notions as it seemed by chance, when I was doing National Service in the RAF in Singapore and believed in no god but Success. Their agent was a cheerful, disturbing eccentric whose life had been changed by his contact with the Moral Re-orientation (he is now a Church of Scotland minister). He had already disturbed a number of other officers in the Mess with his curious ideas, and duly proceeded to disturb me, first by questioning whether my ambition was really a good thing and then by informing me that I was quite the most self-centred person he had ever met. I responded by throwing a bar of soap at him.

One memorable evening, he invited me, as he put it, to "listen to God". Mistaking my horrified silence for consent, he presented me with a piece of paper, suggesting that I measure my life against the absolute moral standards of Jesus — honesty, purity, unselfishness and love — and write down anything that occurred to me.

To my utter astonishment, a flood of totally novel and unexpected thoughts poured into my mind — all of them, unfortunately, extremely pertinent and all of them requiring action. From somewhere, I knew not where, I was told that I was a dictator on the cricket field (I was the local RAF captain) and should apologise to my team; that I'd become a snob when I went up to Oxford and should

put it right with my parents; and so on for three quarters of an hour and a page and a half.

Oddly, having begun in total doubt and embarrassment, it never occurred to me not to obey what I had been told. I just felt a great lightness of heart and the sense of a gate into a new world swinging open before me. One concrete result of the apology to the team was that the three raw-boned Australians in it began calling me "Sir", a title they had not accorded to any RAF officer before.

And that, apart from one prolonged hiccup during the 1960s, is the basis on which I have tried to live for the past 40 years. God told me very clearly — it is the only time I have ever heard anything like a voice — that He wanted me to become a journalist. So I took a job as a trainee sub-editor in Edinburgh on a distinctly Scottish salary at a time when, during the palmy 1950s, much plusher posts were on offer.

It is so simple, so practical, so concrete. The Holy Spirit is the guide, restitution the road, freedom the glorious gift. The price is daily obedience to the Inner Voice. "This sometimes does require a modest amount of courage. After I had had a mild flirtation with another woman in the 1960s, that Voice told me to apologise to my wife. I did so with tears. Then came the thought: "And now tell your mother-in-law." The Holy Spirit has a mordant sense of humour. We are all such fools. I have simply been a lucky fool in that a courageous friend showed me the way to freedom. The Holy Spirit is never silent. And God is always merciful.

GRAHAM TURNER

The author writes for the Daily Mail.

Why a Norfolk marshman lost the will to live

MEDICINE AND BELIEF

PATIENTS' faith is important, whether it is faith in God, the doctor, or the therapeutic ritual which is a feature of many types of complementary medicine. With the help of faith, the sufferer views his or her troubles with optimism; in consequence the immune system, if not actually boosted, is not needlessly depressed.

Patients inspired by faith notice their symptoms less and enjoy life more. Evidence seems to suggest that they also live rather longer. Maintaining enthusiasm for life in general, and a firm belief in the efficacy of any treatment prescribed, is part of the role of any good doctor. If there is no faith in the pills prescribed, the radiotherapy administered or the surgery performed, cases will be missed, appointments cancelled and recovery will be slower.

Belief in an afterlife makes a marked difference to how death is approached. It is noticeable how patients who belonged in childhood (even if their faith later lapsed) to

a religion which preached an afterlife, die more contentedly than those brought up without this assurance.

The advantages of having a firm faith may be hard to define, but the absence of any hope for the future is all too obvious. When I first started practice in a rural part of Norfolk, I had a marshman as a patient. The old man earned a precarious living tending the cattle and caring for the drainage ditches. Self-sufficient, independent, he rarely saw anybody to talk to from dawn to dusk, and even in the evenings his only close friend was his long-suffering wife, with whom he shared a lonely cottage.

Eventually osteoarthritis made work impossible and he retired to a smart new

council house in the local market town. The marshman, divorced from the open skies and open wetlands, immediately took to his bed and announced that he was dying. The patient continued to eat, had no localising symptoms, not even those of some obvious depressive state, and no physical signs, but the consultant physician who had lived in the neighbourhood for years and who came to see him had no doubt that the patient's own prognosis was correct.

The marshman, he said, had been separated from the only life he knew, and had turned his face to the wall; he would certainly die. We never did find out why he was ill or what he died from, but he was dead within a few weeks.



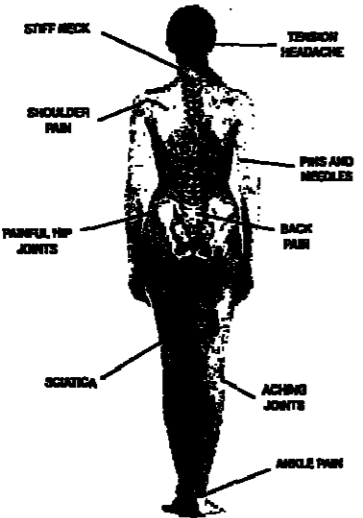
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Evidence shows that patients with malignant disease who capitulate to it die earlier than those who continue to live a full life. The course of any life-threatening disease is unpredictable. Most experienced doctors have known patients who rise from their deathbed after their bodies have eradicated the cancer which all but killed them, and thereafter live for many years.

While this is wonderful for these particular patients and their families, it can be dispiriting for others, who may feel that if only their faith had been greater, if only they had drunk all their carrot juice or hadn't postponed admission for chemotherapy, they would not now be dying. These patients need to be reassured that the reasons for spontaneous miracle cures, and even prolonged survival against unlikely odds, are often unknown, and that although determination and courage do play a part, other factors beyond any patient's control are of equal if not greater importance.

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Why Andrew Harvey has denounced his guru . . . society in its spiritual death-throes



Andrew Harvey has been receiving death threats from gurus since the publication of his book

False prophets from the East

REDISCOVERING CHRISTIANITY

For more than a decade, Andrew Harvey has been a bugbear of the Right. Critics in *The Spectator* and elsewhere have ridiculed his fascination with Eastern religions, his adherence for 15 years to an Indian guru and a homosexuality which resulted in "marriage" to a younger man called Eryk Hanut. *The Spectator* crowd asked, in despair but also perhaps with a little Schadenfreude, how one of the youngest-ever Fellows of All Souls College, a man described by one Oxford contemporary as "seamlessly, scorchingly brilliant, the Jonathan Miller of the 1970s", had gone so far off the rails.

Now, at 44, Harvey has done an about-turn. He quit his guru, the Meera, after she demanded that he marry a girl and write a book about the pleasures of heterosexuality. Instead, he has written a book attacking gurus and all they stand for — everything, in effect, which he stood for until he left the Meera's compound in Germany. Beefsteak-Club Tories will still find plenty over which to burst their blood vessels, for Harvey remains an exotic individualist buoyant on 1960s-style idealism. He longs for "massive, worldwide civil disobedience" in protest against global warming and other environmental horrors. But his former critics will like *The Return of the Mother* more than his earlier books and a great deal more than did the bearded denizens of the ashram circuit.

Gurus have been so enraged by Harvey's statements that there have been death threats made against him and the police have been placed on alert. Foul letters arrived, *The Yoga Journal* (an opinion-former in California) went on a war footing, and threatening telephone calls were made to the house in a quiet San Francisco street where he and Mr Hanut live.

Things became so bad that Harvey took the precaution of placing affidavits containing information about gurus under lock and key in European bank vaults.

Harvey speculates that the next five years will see a rush of scandals involving dishonest gurus. Many such masters, he says, are black-magicians, fraudsters and bullies. The payback? "I was denounced in the most bitter terms and Eryk almost died." Amid the stress of the death threats, the 29-year-old Hanut had a cancer relapse, and when Harvey "married" him, he thought he was winding down for an early grave.

The break from Mother Meera was "devastating — my whole world fell apart". In his painful recantation, Harvey admits it made him feel "shame when I looked at what I had done for so many years". He claims that the Meera's allies have spread lies, and yet he accepts that he was not without blame. "There would be no gurus without people who are, as I was, hungry to play the disciple."

The Return of the Mother is a great wedge of a book, perhaps better described as a gospel to the Divine Mother, whose presence Harvey now identifies and whom he worships with Homeric sweeps of prose, littering his mantras and salaams with personal descriptions of visions. He preaches that unless mankind learns to address the Divine Mother, damnation will befall the world in 20 years. Like the best Presbyterian churchman, he declares: "There is not a moment to lose."

The book is a tribute to Harvey's vast reading of the Eastern religions. This can overwhelm the lay reader, and he admits that his chief problem is how to communicate his ideas succinctly.

Harvey's childhood was spent in India. Father worked in tea, with Brooke Bond, and Harvey says that his parents "have been won-

derful, unshockable by my behaviour" in that English way.

They intend to move back to India shortly, to a retirement villa near a one-time Raj hill station east of Bombay, where to this day elderly Rileys ferry Brits around town, from the bandstand to the racecourse to the Young Women's Christian Association for talk and tiffin.

"Our driver, Ahmed, was Muslim — very thin and intense. The cook was Hindu and my ayah was Catholic. My first religious instructions were from the cook, who was a terrific drunk but full of wise things, who told me: 'There are many paths to one God.'"

One of Harvey's chief points in *The Return of the Mother* is that the Divine Mother can be seen in all the great religions, perhaps nowhere more clearly than in Mary, Mother of Christ.

It was a childhood in which people had no qualms about discussing religion, something Englishmen — particularly the logicians of All Souls — find an embarrassment. The young Andrew started to write adoring poems to Jesus when he was six, but his Indian reverie was interrupted when he was dispatched to prep school in England, followed by Sherborne and Oxford, the "concentration camp of reason", where he entered All Souls aged 21.

A friend from Oxford recalls that Harvey was unusual from the outset. One evening in 1971, at the tail end of a supper party, he was to be found striding up and down the room waving his arms as he discussed an arcane point of literature. So involved did he become that, talking all the time, he picked up a discarded boiled potato from someone's plate and

wolfed it down, not for a moment noticing that the original owner had stubbed his cigarette out in the same spud.

"I could probably go back to Oxford now because I could see it as a foreign city," says Harvey. He recalls the time another powerful mother figure, Margaret Thatcher, dined at All Souls, only for a member of college to pass out drunk in front of her. Lady Thatcher showed her own powers of indifference. "She went on talking and stepped over the man's horizontal body as if nothing had happened," Harvey says in his rueful voice. "It was wonderful."

That comment about Oxford being a foreign city rings a false note. Harvey remains grateful to the scholastic discipline of a privileged English education, and he has not forgotten the magical cadences of Sunday matins where he sang as a Church of England chorboy.

It was these same rhythmic attractions which drew him to Sufi mystic chants and Buddhist meditations alongside which, in his book, he repeatedly evokes the noble words of the Magnificat: "He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away."

In the warmth of a San Francisco morning, Oxford, Sherborne and cold Anglican cloisters seem far away, yet Harvey is hungry for gossip from London and nostalgic for his roots. After his guru years he is full of laughter. "I am turning again to Christianity, and particularly to Mary," he says.

He remains unconventional, and will probably never make the Beefsteak, but in a spiritual sense, at least, Andrew Harvey is heading home.



Mother Meera

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Life is a absurd sketch

THE COSMIC JOKER

If those men who once wandered the streets bearing sandwiches with the slogan "The end of the world is nigh" were to reappear in numbers, I would no longer regard them as cranks, but simply think, I could have told you that.

I believe that the end of the world we know, and love in part, is in its death throes and nigh is too distant a word to describe the proximity of the end. Astronomers give the Sun a mere 150 billion years before it explodes and in their terms we have just a jiffy left.

I believe, Hiroshima was probably the beginning of the last act and that the noise of our death rattle continues, meanwhile, with seemingly

trivial but also audible symptoms such as the roar of the football crowd, the thump, thump of pop music and the screams of the political mob. Thin stuff, maybe, but so is one end of every wedge.

I believe that some of us will die choking on fast food, drop dead trying to get fit, go terminally insane, and that the real sofies and lame dogs will die soon of what they call stress in the arms of counsellors. For myself, I believe that stress and anxiety keep a man on his toes. As for destiny, I believe that we are cars not trains and so can change our direction at almost any time.

Fate is merely the food of melodrama or grand opera, while real life is an absurd sketch.

I believe that we have turned our backs on the most important of all human qualities — kindness. Without it we shrivel. I would like to believe that men and women were made for each other, but then so were Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney, nitric acid and glycerine. They can survive alone but it isn't spectacular. I do not believe that money can buy happiness, but then I do not think that happiness is everybody's God-given right. I do believe, though, that thinking can cause unhappiness and I don't believe I have ever seen a miserable-looking village idiot. Which reminds me, I believe that Tony Blair smiles too much for a future prime minister. It is not a seemly demeanour for the captain of another *Titanic*.

And now I believe that the cushion of the culture I was brought up to want to lean on is being pulled away. When Goering said that every time he heard the word culture it made him want to reach for



Bernard: nigh is too distant a word

desserts. Would it were so. Open any history book and read how so many got away with it. I believe that just desserts are dished out sparingly by God, who shows more generosity with His throwing of custard pies at his creations. His humour is perverse, but I believe His patience with us is wearing thin and that He is making His way back to the drawing board.

In the old days in the cinema there was a point where we used to say: "This is where I came in." I wonder whether the first thing we do at birth is to cry because we are born with a feeling of déjà vu. I certainly believe that we die when there just isn't anything else left for us to do.

I keep mentioning God, but I have no faith. I use the word to mean a kind of fate that is kind, cruel, pockish and a gigantic practical joker. When my life is at its worst, I imagine God to be a woman with an axe to grind. Why otherwise bother developing one single cell into the mess called man? You might as well pull off its wings.

JEFFREY BERNARD

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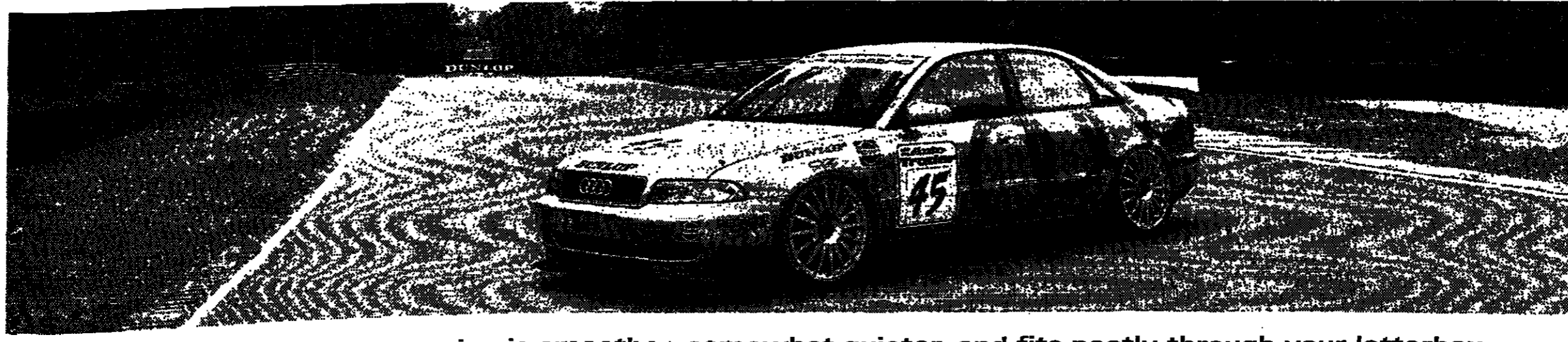
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War crimes deserve a fair trial

Geoffrey Robertson, QC, criticises the Hague Tribunal

Antonio Cassese hit the headlines at the recent international conference on the Dayton accords by urging postponement of the Bosnian elections until Radovan Karadzic and General Mladic have been arrested as alleged war criminals. He further demanded that Serbia be expelled from the Olympic Games in Atlanta unless it helped to arrest the two accused men. Coming from a distinguished (Italian legal academic, these comments are worth pondering; but since Professor Cassese is the Chief Justice of the Court before which the Bosnian Serb leaders are to be tried, his prosecutorial zeal poses more serious questions.

The only basis upon which the world community can demand that Mladic and Karadzic be surrendered for trial is the guarantee that they will be tried fairly by impartial judges. The Hague tribunal was established by the United Nations to that end — the first international court since Nuremberg, and avowedly a model for a future world court.

This ideal offers the greatest hope for human rights in the 21st century, but it is a hope which hinges on the Hague tribunal's success. If it fails, those hostile to the supremacy of law over realpolitik (notably the diplomats of France, Britain and China, and all countries led by potential defendants) will ensure that the Nuremberg ideal is buried for another half century.

But what constitutes "success"? In the long run, only trials which conform to the most rigorous standards of fairness. Nuremberg's "success" was in large measure due to the fact that many charges were found unproven and three of the defendants were acquitted. Its presiding judge, Lord Justice Geoffrey Lawrence, remained publicly and resolutely impartial.

In many respects the tribunal in The Hague is an advance on its Nuremberg predecessor, notably by abjuring the death penalty, by making better provision for the defence and by providing a right of appeal. But most notably lacking among the 11 judges is relevant or recent experience in the defence of persons accused of crime.

This may partly account for the first unhappy ruling of the panel trying Dusko Tadic, the deciding by a majority (the presiding American judge and her Malaysian colleague) to abandon the standards set by European Court of Human Rights and to deny the defence the right to know the names (or even the nicknames) of key witnesses.

Sir Ninian Stephen (formerly of the Australian High Court) forcefully dissented from the majority decision, which is a woeful piece of jurisprudence. It misunderstands the statute, misunderstands precedents, and constantly misdescribes the judicial function in a criminal trial as "balancing" the fundamental rights of defendants against prosecution conveniences. The prospect that a defendant may be imprisoned for life on the sole testimony of a witness whose identity he is not allowed to know, it justifies on

the grounds that crimes against humanity are "horrific" and in any event "the international tribunal is, in certain respects, comparable to a military tribunal, which often has limited rights of due process and more lenient rules of evidence."

These arguments are unacceptable. The more "horrific" the crime, the more due process is necessary. And the belittling comparison with military tribunals (many of which are looking to this body to improve their standards) is astonishing. How can the Hague tribunal serve as a model for a world court if it sets low standards of fairness?

The court's frustrations are understandable: it lacks funding for a proper witness protection scheme and must suffer Nato's infuriating reluctance to arrest suspects. Last year, Professor Cassese, the tribunal president, called for a "programme of indictments" to "meet the expectations of the Security Council and of the world community at large" — hardly the language of judges whose duty is not to act as avenging angels but to do justice though heavens fall.

No informed visitor to The Hague can do other than admire the work being done by the prosecutors, and Cassese's Appeal Chamber has already produced one formidable judgment which makes important contributions to international law on war crimes. But his is a court without legal critics: no complaint about its conduct may be made to the Human Rights Committee in Geneva or to the European Court, and human rights lobbies have tended to look the other way.

Not so Radovan Karadzic, who has been watching the televised trial of Dusko Tadic and has been telling journalists (who find him so much more easily than for soldiers) that he will not attend The Hague because his trial would not be fair. That is a prospect against which all precautions must be taken when the evidence for his "international arrest warrant" is publicly unveiled on Thursday. This occasion must not smack of a show trial *in absentia*, or suggest that his guilt is as taken for granted by the court as it already is by the media. After all, the "command responsibility" principle upon which he is indicted was formulated in the course of convicting and executing General Yamashita for a crime history now suggests he did not commit.

There is much at stake. This tribunal is the model which either proves or disproves the case for a world criminal court — that great millennium project for the end of a century in which (so far) some 160 million human beings have died in war. It would have no shortage of defendants: whether or not Pol Pot is dead there is Idi Amin in Saudi Arabia, Colonel Mengistu in Zimbabwe and "Baby Doc" Duvalier in France, not to mention others. They will keep — so long as Professor Cassese and his fellow judges can keep an open mind about the guilt of Karadzic and Mladic.



After Brown 25 vi 96 (after Skinner & Baddeley)

Two lions on a shirt, Douglas Hogg's a turkey Months and months of hurt, His future's looking murky...

Chastity in the surgery

The doctor who yields to temptation is sure to exploit a patient's vulnerability

Down in Brighton at the BMA conference, they are not short of issues to discuss in the bar. Given the heady atmosphere of that town, however, and the motion put forward by Dr Michael Crowe of Leicester, the odds are that most of them will be talking about sex. Outside on the wire stands, the newsmen will be shuffling the lewd and jolly postcards by followers of Donald McGill and pushing to the front all the old gags about stethoscopes and cleavages and the doctor saying he'd never seen such a big one before.

For Dr Crowe has breached tradition by attempting to whip aside the screens from the issue of doctors who become sexually involved with patients. Every year, he rightly points out, good doctors are suspended because of the strict rule of the General Medical Council that doctors must never have sexual relationships with patients in their care: however consensual and adult these relationships may seem to be. He concedes that in cases of proven exploitation or serial affairs, doctors should be disciplined; but not just for taking one patient as a lover. "Complaints to the GMC," he points out, "are usually made when relationships turn sour and the rejected patient takes revenge by speaking out. It is not fair that a doctor can lose his or her job... if an aggrieved husband or wife lodges a complaint, the doctor is immediately suspended." Doctors, he says, "are the only professionals who are singled out and treated so severely."

Indeed they are. It is one of the glories of the medical profession, one of its gold standards. Long may it stand. For you go to a doctor troubled and vulnerable; even the smallest ailment can briefly bring you in touch with the terror of mortality, or be a symptom of depression, loneliness or marital disaster. If you are a woman, your doctor sees your body and soul in turmoil about childbearing, infertility or the lurking physical humiliations of ageing. If you are a man, it is to the doctor that you admit the limitations of your manhood, from impotence to childish terrors about ludicrous symptoms. Frankly, when anything halfway serious takes you to the surgery you do not even want any of this newfangled NHS "client" nonsense or waffle about "partnership". You want to be that old-fashioned thing, a patient: one who suffers, who admits suffering and

asks for healing. You are a mass of contradictions: you want the healer to be wise and powerful but also human, because if the medical process becomes cold and mechanistic you feel doubly lonely. It is not an easy balance to keep.

Two things preserve it and make the relationship possible. One is medical confidentiality: the doctor will not gossip. The other is medical chastity: however intimate the examination he or she will not, cannot, "fancy" you. Impossible, *verboten*, taboo. You know that if it happens that both of you are free and eligible for courtship, that doctor would have to get you off the list before declaring any such thing. Dr Crowe complains that this is not always possible, vaguely citing "isolated rural practices". The speciousness of this example is revealed when he then adds that even if there is an option, "the patient may refuse to leave". You bet: the whole danger of his argument is visible in this admission, this sketch of a patient (all right, a woman) who is pretending to be making a free adult choice as a lover, but still cannot bear to give up the heady dependency of being her lover's patient.

That dependency is the problem. Listen to Dr Crowe's description of how a mutual attraction grows up. "Very personal and confidential matters are discussed in the consulting room," he says, "and intimate examinations take place. Bonds of trust are built and developed and these can prepare the ground for a relationship." The italics are mine, and denote shock. Sure, a husband can treat his wife, as their love predates the professional relationship; but the idea of an affair "prepared" by surgery confidences and rubber-gloped gropings is so repulsive and contrary to the spirit of medicine that any normal doctor or patient must recoil. Indeed, when a relationship does develop out of such a professional meeting, those involved usually tell

woman. "Passions both luminous and dark swirl about the room. In a mysterious way, almost like electromagnetic induction, we men cannot stop ourselves from beginning to experience some of our own long-denied fears, injuries, hopes and fantasies." The warmth of his phrasing reminds us of the important truth: that some kinds of exploitation do, at the time, feel just like love. Any experience which brings two people up against eternity creates a bond: a priest, commenting on the Rutter book, said with the same startling eloquence: "When you talk about spiritual things your guards are down, you are naked before each other, touching the deepest things that human beings can fathom... the confessional box was more than just a piece of furniture, you know. A very good defence." Yet while one party has more power it is wrong to turn that bond into a human, sexual partnership. Somebody — usually the weaker one — is going to get hurt. Or at least their spouse is: how do you compete with Dr Kilgore (or, indeed, sultry Dr Baz from *Casualty*)?

No: whatever Dr Crowe thinks about matching ethics to "the moral climate today", it is safest for doctors to be held aloof from it in their inviolable, iodine-scented illusion of celibacy. Just because sex is everywhere in the 1990s does not mean that its primitive power for disruption has been diluted.

Even if you doubt that, and reject all the stuff about luminous swirling forces, just imagine for one moment how life would be for a shy, newly fledged young male doctor if his protective taboo were removed. His admiring women patients would know that he could turn from doctor to lover with impunity. Go on: think about how some of them would behave. A relaxation of the wise old rule might not much affect hospital specialists, but for GPs on the front line of a fragmented, sexually obsessed, unhappy society it would be disastrous. It would make our doctors more abrupt and defensive, less approachable and far less willing to go beyond the mechanics and address the complexity of patients' needs.

The irony is that if we make this short-sighted concession to the fact that doctors are "only human" we will, paradoxically, rob the profession of its higher humanity.

Libby Purves

about healing fantasy comes from a study published in 1990 by Dr Peter Rutter entitled *Sex in the Forbidden Zone*, which brought together his experience and some hair-raising statistics. The "forbidden zone" is the professional trust enjoyed by doctors, clergy, and — in America, anyway — divorce lawyers, who apparently are forever getting entangled with women they are trying to unstitch from the last attachment. He followed up marriages which had grown from this forbidden zone, and they were nearly all, he said, disasters. Sometimes, he theorises, a woman offers her sexuality in the consulting room out of a wounded, hopeless conviction that this is all she has; in that case her real need, says Rutter, is to be gently, respectfully rejected and shown that she is worth more. This he calls the "healing moment", and this is the moment which, in his astonishing words about treatment "preparing the ground for a relationship", Dr Crowe denies.

One reason why Dr Rutter's book is so arresting is that he candidly and poetically evokes the temptation for the professional in a private, warm consulting room with a troubled

Plane games

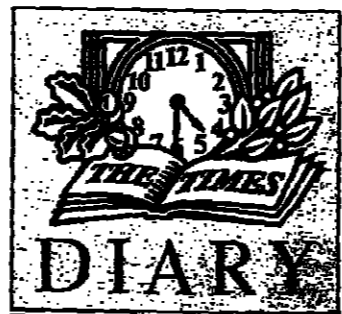
IN AN Unprecedented salute to English football, British Airways plans to re-register its most advanced aircraft so that its "numberplate" reads GAZZA. The airline has invited Paul Gascoigne to an unveiling tomorrow of the planned registration mark on the Boeing 777, changed from the existing G-ZZZA to G-AZZA.

British Airways' chief executive Bob Ayling, a football fanatic who has instructed captains to update passengers with Euro 96 scores and served free champagne on flights to Spain after Saturday's victory, threw his weight behind the re-registration attempt after requests from his staff. "It is a gesture of solidarity for our boys," says a patriotic BA representative.

The gesture cuts little ice with the Civil Aviation Authority, however. The authority was approached informally by BA for permission to change the numberplate. Officials advised that the re-registration could go ahead only if the plane remained on the ground. British Airways' best hope of a permanent GAZZA numberplate lies in victory against the Germans. I'm sure the CAA will soon see the error of its ways.

●The Duchess of York's tree-hugging dress-designer friend Donna Karan has reportedly lost her crystals. A memo instructing New York staff to help to find them, warns that no one should touch the crystals, in case they lose their life-enhancing qualities.

Well paid SEASONED Wimbledon commentators were grumbling yesterday



day about the inflated pay-packet of a rookie reporter in the ranks. Martin Amis is to serve up a series of prominent dispatches in London's *Evening Standard* over the fortnight. The word in SW19, where he was alone and stoney-faced in the press box, was that he has been hired for £20,000 — at the behest of the Editor, Max Hastings, a tennis fan whose pin-up is Gabriella Sabatini.

Amis describes himself as *The New Yorker* magazine's tennis correspondent and is a keen amateur player with an unorthodox, terrible style who occasionally graces pro-am tournaments. Yesterday the *Standard* denied the £20,000 figure. "We paid him what he's worth," said a plum-voced executive. Well, *The Sunday Times*, from which he parted acrimoniously earlier this year, thought him worth a whopping £3,500 per book

review when he worked on its literary pages.

Top man?

IS Jeremy Hanley a man for topless swimming pools? The former Tory party chairman loves his dips, and his local pool in Richmond, struggling to stop women going without their bikini tops, is considering a semi-naked area.

Norman Lamont faces a similar battle. In Harrogate, where he is Tory candidate, naturists have taken over one pool for a once-weekly all-nude session under the watchful gaze of lifeguards (clothed) but no spectators. Hanley, a modest man, is said to be fighting the move to go topless. "I like to go swimming somewhere where nobody will see me," he once told me. "I have a marginal seat and it wouldn't be wise if people saw me with my clothes off."

Kitty catch

KITTY KELLEY, the wicked American biographer who is scribbling at her nuclear-tipped biography of the Windsors, is planning to buy herself a British title at tomorrow's sale by Earl Spencer of family lordships. Spencer is selling because he



Massive attack the Three Divas, Rosemary, left, Della and Anne

needs money to replumb the family home at Althorp and Kitty wants the Lordship of Newlawn Squillers, up for some £5,000. "Lady Kelley has a kind of nice ring to it," she says. "I feel obliged to help Lord Spencer with his plumbing after spending so long on this book."

Big noises

IT AIN'T OVER till the fat ladies sing. The Three Tenors should be looking to their laurels after the debut performance of the latest oper-

ation. The Three Divas, Rosemary Ashe, Della Jones and Anne Collins brought the house down with their version of Puccini's *Nessun Dorma* at Sadler's Wells for the theatre's final curtain on Sunday night, before rebuilding begins. Flourishing the Pavarotti trade-mark white handkerchief, they stole the show. Agents are falling over themselves to sign up the group.

Grammar schools: the logic

Selection is a right, Gillian Shephard says

When the Conservatives came to power in 1979 a dreary uniformity of school had been imposed on Britain by Labour. In almost all areas of the country there was only one type of secondary school — the local authority comprehensive — and children were generally forced to attend their nearest school. This monolithic system, together with trendy teaching in mixed-ability classes, had lowered standards in education alarmingly.

Since 1979 we have transformed this system. There is now a rich diversity of maintained schools: growing numbers of grant-maintained (GM) schools — indeed, around a fifth of our secondary school pupils are now educated in them; there are many excellent local authority schools; there are a growing number of specialist schools — language colleges and 151 technology colleges, as well as 15 city technology schools; and there are 163 grammar schools, with their long-standing tradition of excellence.

We want that excellence to permeate our whole school system; we will do that by creating more grammar schools, more grammar streams and more schools which cater for varying specialisations and aptitudes.

Today's White Paper continues this process. It is designed with one aim — to raise standards by reinforcing self-government and promoting choice and diversity. It sets out a range of new measures to build on what is already in place: to give local authority schools more control of their budgets; to give GM schools more freedom to run their own affairs; to encourage all schools to develop distinctive strengths; and to encourage greater freedom to select pupils, if that is what schools want.

Today's proposals mean that individual local authority schools would receive a larger proportion of their budgets. We also want a more clearly defined role for the local education authorities (LEAs). Their main task should be to support schools in their efforts to raise standards, including setting targets for improvement and intervening where the Ofsted inspectors have found that schools are failing. But their record in this has been patchy. We have already said that Ofsted will have powers to inspect LEAs, and we intend to monitor the LEAs even more closely.

We also want to give GM schools more freedom. GM schools are among the best in the country. The Chief Inspector's last report identified 200 schools as either excellent or very good. Of those identified as excellent, no fewer than 46 per cent were GM schools. My proposals would strengthen the powers of GM schools and give them more freedom to provide services such as nurseries and sixth forms, without their having to get central approval.

I also want to see more opportunities for parents to choose from different types of school. I want to encourage new grammar schools. Grammar schools are beacons of excellence. I believe they help the most able children to achieve their full potential. I will be announcing ways to encourage more schools to become grammar schools and make it easier for them to do so. We will bring forward proposals to encourage selection as a regular feature of the education system.

But that does not mean that I want to see a return to the days where the only choice was a limited one between secondary moderns and grammars. That agenda is long out of date. Just as the uniformity of the comprehensive approach has been consigned to the history books, I want to encourage all schools to develop distinctive strengths and identities. We have done this through the Specialist Schools Programme and

this will be reinforced. Many comprehensives do an excellent job, but one single type of school cannot fully meet all the varied abilities, aptitudes, interests and needs of our children. The White Paper would encourage diversity and choice by a variety of measures to enable all schools to select a greater proportion of their pupils. Diversity of provision helps to raise standards, as parents and pupils have the power to choose the schools that best suit their skills and aptitude.

Underpinning all this, we will make selection a regular feature of the education system. Governors, teachers and parents have a right to a greater degree of selection. It is what they think is best for the school and the community. This Government is committed to that type of choice. If schools want greater selection then they have a right to seek it.

We all know that much more remains to be done. Our social and economic future depends on our children achieving to the very limits of their ability. We have already done much to respond to the wishes of parents — straightforward tests, performance tables, locally run self-governing schools. The White Paper is another step towards giving Britain a world-class education system by putting power in the hands of parents and giving schools the power to deliver.

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OBITUARIES

LORD TWEEDSMUIR

Lord Tweedsmuir, CBE, soldier, explorer, writer and businessman, died in North Berwick on June 20 aged 84. He was born in London on November 25, 1911.

JOHN BUCHAN dedicated his novel 'The Island of Sheep' to J. M. S. B. who knows the northlands and the way of the wild geese. This was his son, Johnnie, later the 2nd Lord Tweedsmuir, who appears in an early chapter of the book as a 14-year-old 'who didn't care a rush for the public school spirit', who 'spoke to his masters as Dr Johnson might have addressed a street arab', but who cast a perfect dry fly, loved animals and was already an expert on birds.

To be typecast so early as a character in the Buchan mould might have defeated a less resilient youth, but Johnnie Buchan went on to fill the role in ways that even his father could never have anticipated. As a colonial administrator in Africa, an explorer in the Arctic and a naturalist in Scotland, he could have effortlessly held his own with Richard Hannay, Sandy Arbuthnot and the other Buchan heroes. But it was as a soldier that he outstripped even his father who never himself saw action.

Commanding a Canadian infantry battalion in Sicily in July 1943, he led a dramatic assault on Assoro, a village on a 1,000ft hill held by the Hermann Goering SS Regiment, which was considered impenetrable. Remembering a lesson taught him in the Scottish Borders by his Uncle Walter, who always said that you could gauge the steepness of a hill by aligning it with a walking stick, he borrowed a rifle and looked along its barrel at the slope of Assoro. It was, he judged, no more than 45 degrees. 'We're on!' he announced, and prepared for a flanking movement up the hill by night to take the Germans by surprise from above. Before leaving he recited to his men as much of Henry V's Agincourt speech as he could remember. The attack was described by a fellow-officer as 'so daring that failure meant not only the end of Tweedsmuir's career, but the end of the

regiment as well'. By the following day, however, a great victory had been won, which General Montgomery reckoned took five days of the Sicilian campaign. Tweedsmuir was twice mentioned in dispatches and appointed OBE (military), though many considered his achievement merited the DSO.

John Norman Stuart Buchan was born in London, but, like his father, always considered himself a Border Scot. He was educated at the Dragon School, Eton, and Brasenose, Oxford, where he founded the university falconry club and rowed for his college. He was, by his own admission, a poor scholar, gaining a Fourth in History, a degree which, he said, was 'so lowly that it was afterwards abolished'.

He then went into the Colonial Administration Service, and was for two years an assistant district commissioner in Uganda. While there he contracted an almost lethal bout of dysentery, and was so ill that he lost three stone in weight. He travelled to Canada, where his father was Governor-General, in a state of near-collapse. 'When I arrived on a ship at Halifax,' he later recalled, 'I had to introduce myself to Mummys as I was almost unrecognisable.' He joined the Hudson's Bay Company with the idea of living in the Arctic, and drove a dog team over 3,000 miles across uncharted territory, an experience which, remarkably, aided his recovery. He took a small box of watercolours and taught the Eskimos to paint. He learnt their language, adding fluently to his existing Swahili.

On returning, he learnt that war had been declared. He joined the Governor-General's Fougards, the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, and then the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, where he was second in command until the commanding officer was killed on the eve of the assault on Assoro. The following day he was wounded when a mortar shell exploded a few feet away from him. Later he served on the Army Commanders Tactical Staff in Italy under General Sir Oliver Leese and General Sir Richard McCreery. After the war he was involved in



arresting members of the Dutch SS and confiscated their standard, which is now in the Imperial War Museum. For this he was awarded the Order of Orange-Nassau with Swords.

He had succeeded to the title of Lord Tweedsmuir on the death of his father in 1940, and on returning to Britain he took his seat in the House of Lords and made his maiden speech in the same year, 1945. He served for four years on the opposition front bench, then, when the Conservatives came to power he was sent, with Anthony Eden, to the United Nations when it met in Paris. He later served on the UK team of the

Council of Europe at Strasbourg. In 1948 he married Priscilla Lady Grant, widow of Sir Arthur Grant, Bt, of Cullen, and they lived for the next 30 years at Balmedie in Aberdeenshire, a part of the country which he wrote about eloquently in his memoirs, 'One Man's Happiness'. His wife was MP for South Aberdeen from 1946 to 1966, a Minister of State at the Foreign Office and was elevated to the House of Lords in 1970 as Baroness Tweedsmuir of Belhelvie.

Much of Tweedsmuir's life during this time was spent supporting her. He was offered the Governor-Generalship of New Zealand, but felt that

he would prefer to assist his wife in her political duties. He helped to pilot the Protection of Birds Bill, which is still the model for much of today's conservation law, through both Houses, describing the experience of dealing with one particularly tricky amendment as 'like sailing between Priscilla and Charybdis'.

In 1948, the year of his marriage, he had been elected Rector of Aberdeen University, beating Malcolm Sargent by 14 votes. He relinquished the post, refounding the Aberdeen University Boat Club, and starting an Exploration Club which mounted a successful expedition to Libya, where they found a hitherto unknown tomb and four species of plant unknown to science. They also helped to uncover the fabulous St Ninian's Treasure in Shetland, now in the Royal Scottish Museum in Edinburgh. He was given an honorary LLD by the university in 1949.

Lord Tweedsmuir was also a businessman, serving on the boards of BOAC, Dalgety and Sun Alliance, and as chairman of the Advertising Standards Authority. He was appointed CBE in 1964 and CD (Canadian Forces Decoration) in the same year. Among his published works were 'Always a Countryman' (1953), and 'Hudson's Bay Trader' (1951) based on his Arctic diaries which John Buchan also used to give authenticity to 'Sick Heart River'.

After the death, in 1978, of his first wife, he married Jean, widow of Sir Francis Grant. They moved to Oxfordshire, where they spent 15 years together before returning to Scotland when his health began to fail. Always charming company, a fund of splendid stories about his richly varied life, Lord Tweedsmuir was a physically imposing figure who seemed at times, with his dark complexion and his beaked nose, a figure from another era. He was, however, full of warmth and was particularly popular with children, who would listen entranced to his reminiscences.

He is survived by a daughter, Susan, who is married to the Conservative minister Lord James Douglas-Hamilton.

CECIL TURNER



Cecil Turner, publisher, died on June 16 aged 83. He was born on October 6, 1912.

CECIL TURNER was one of the last independent publishers who refused to succumb to the corporate commercialism which swamped the industry in the 1980s. A cultured and discerning man of letters with high standards of literary taste and integrity, he established his firm, Bachman and Turner, in 1972. This firm has continued to publish distinctive and provocative fiction and non-fiction for almost a quarter of a century.

The son of a wealthy manufacturing chemist from Leytonstone, Cecil Norman Theyer Turner was educated at Leyton Grammar School and then went into advertising. He soon became a successful executive, then owner and director of two advertising companies: Auger and Turner and Cecil Turner.

During the Second World War he was a captain in the Royal Artillery and was seriously wounded in the Burma Campaign. He had been on a convoy going to North Africa which was diverted to Burma. After being awarded two campaign medals and one personal medal, he worked as a welfare officer in India and continued this work on his return to England.

In the late 1960s he sold his advertising company and went to live for several years in

Malta. But because of his continuing interest in literature, he returned to England where he established his publishing firm in partnership with his third wife, the former Swedish diplomat and broadcaster, Marta Bachman.

Bachman and Turner soon had a distinguished list of authors including Gerald Moore, Eva Jones, Beverley Nichols, Tamara Nijinsky, Hubert Gregg, Charlie Chester and many others.

Aside from his activities as a publisher, Turner devoted many years of hard work to the English Literary Trust, a charitable organisation which he founded in the 1980s. The trust is devoted to the widening of interest in and knowledge of English literature. In recent years he developed glaucoma and in order to help other sufferers from this affliction he founded another charitable organisation, the Ocular Research Fund.

He was an avid and discerning collector of antique furniture, rare books, china and paintings. For many years he lived in a medieval manor house in Kent where he and his wife created a magnificent garden which was open to the public. He took an active interest in historical preservation, improving old houses, gardens and parks for the benefit of the public.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter from his first marriage and a son from his second.

EDWARD BERNSTEIN

Edward Bernstein, economist, died in Washington on June 9 aged 91. He was born in Bayonne, New Jersey, on December 19, 1904.

HAD Edward Bernstein not disagreed with his fellow American economists over the likely strength of the US economy after the Second World War—and been able to persuade John Maynard Keynes that he was right and the economic development of the postwar international order might well have taken a very different course.

The meeting at which he and Keynes initially encountered each other, did not start auspiciously. They met at the 1944 United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference, better known as 'Bretton Woods', and at first they did not hit it off. Keynes was the leader of the British delegation and Bernstein, a Treasury Department official, was acting as technical adviser and executive secretary to the US delegation. Most of Bernstein's colleagues believed that, once the war was over, America was bound to slip back into the conditions of the Depression era of the 1930s.

Bernstein—who had great gifts of clarity of expression—argued to the contrary, basing his belief on the fact that, since the United States had departed from the gold standard, the

level of gold reserves would no longer control the growth of the money supply.

Thanks largely to his success in convincing the influential Keynes that the majority view was wrong (which it was), the Bretton Woods conference resulted in the foundation of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, commonly known as the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund.

Two years later Bernstein was appointed as the IMF's first director of research, holding the post until 1958 when he founded his own consultancy, specialising in economic research. Among his clients were numbered the central banks of several foreign countries and various large multinational companies.

Edward Morris Bernstein, the son of a New Jersey insurance agent, grew up in New York City, where he worked as a copy boy for the 'New York World' while studying at a public high school. He took a degree from the University of Chicago in 1927, gaining his doctorate in economics at Harvard four years later. Until he joined the Treasury Department in 1940, he taught Economics at the University of North Carolina.

Although he retired as president of his consulting firm in 1981 at the age of 77, Bernstein remained intellectually active. He is survived by his wife Edith and their three sons.

MAJOR-GENERAL J. M. McNEILL



Major-General Jack McNeill CB, CBE, Principal Staff Officer to the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations 1964-69, died on May 25 aged 87. He was born at Liss, Hampshire, on February 22, 1909.

JACK McNEILL could have made a successful career as either a soldier or a diplomat. He chose to follow his father, Brigadier-General Angus McNeill of the Fourth Highlanders, into the Army as a gunner rather than as an infantry officer.

He was a born leader and, as his career developed, he showed himself to be adept in

both military and political diplomacy. A quiet man, he had a clear and balanced intellect, which coupled personal charm with honesty of purpose.

Educated at the Imperial Service College and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, John Malcolm McNeill was commissioned into the Royal Regiment of Artillery in 1929, having won the Benson and Tombs memorial prizes as the top gunner graduate. Before the outbreak of war in 1939, he served seven years in India with the 47th/27th and the 34th/16th Field Brigades and G Battery Royal Horse Artillery.

On his return from India in

1936, he was placed as an instructor at the School of Signals at Caterick, a posting which was to prove decisive in his wartime career, although he may not have appreciated it at the time. He was trained for the staff at Camberley in 1940 and was appointed Box GSO1 of the No 1 Close Support Bomber Control in 1941, thus starting a long and profitable relationship with the RAF. He became one of the originators of the highly successful army/air co-operation system, bringing together his expertise in communications gained at Caterick and as a gunner skilled in target acquisition.

He held a series of Box GSO 1 (air) appointments in Montgomery's Eighth Army, in Alexander's 18th and then 15th Army Group Headquarters during the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns and for the early phases of the Italian campaign, co-ordinating army/air force operations. Returning to England as part of Montgomery's '1st XI' in preparation for Normandy, he was appointed GSO1 (Air) at HQ 21st Army Group, remaining there throughout the campaign in North West Europe.

It was to see the ultimate development of Second World War army/air co-operation techniques in the final battles in Burma where he was Colonel Box GSO (Air) in HQ Allied Land Forces. He ended the war helping to teach the fully developed system at the School of Land/Air Warfare at Old Sarum, and then attended the Joint Services Staff College in 1948.

Having not been with the Royal Artillery since leaving India in 1936, he was delighted to be given command of the 1st Royal Horse Artillery in Egypt, 1948-52, before being selected for the Imperial Defence College in 1952 at the early age of 43. This was a stepping stone to his career in Whitehall: secretary of the Joint Planning Staff, and dep-

uty secretary to the Chiefs of Staff Committee.

Promoted brigadier in 1955, he was once more back in a gunner appointment as Commander Royal Artillery, 2nd Division, in Germany, followed by Commandant School of Artillery, Larkhill. His last appointment in the Army was as a major-general. He was appointed commander of the British Army Staff and military attaché, Washington, a job that brought him into close touch with not only the senior figures in the US defence establishment, but also with the defence staffs of all the major Nato and Commonwealth countries. He travelled widely, developing a deep interest in Commonwealth and Anglo-American affairs.

When he retired from the Army in 1963 he was asked to take up a diplomatic career connected with the Commonwealth. He joined the Department of Commonwealth Relations, becoming Principal Staff Officer to the Secretary of State, 1964-1969. He held this office during the crucial years of the withdrawal from East of Suez.

After his final retirement from government service, he led an active life at home in Pilton, Somerset. He was appointed Colonel Commandant Royal Artillery, in 1964, enabling him to maintain close contact with his many friends in the Royal Regiment. He supported the National Trust in the West Country and the work of the English Speaking Union. Perhaps his happiest moments were when directing operations to outwit the local wild pheasant population or teaching his grandsons the old-fashioned way of taking a boat to sea.

He married Helen Barbara Christina Marsh in November 1954. She was the daughter of Colonel T. H. Marsh of Spilsby, Lincolnshire. They had two daughters who, with his wife, survive him.

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NEW FORD WORKS AT DAGENHAM

AN ACHIEVEMENT IN MASS PRODUCTION FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT DAGENHAM, JUNE 24

The new Ford works, built upon a corner of Essex which a little over three years ago was but a marsh, will soon be able to produce motor-cars at the rate of two a minute.

Only a little less important than this achievement in mass production are the means by which it is possible. The size of the establishment—claimed as the largest motor-car works in Europe—is one factor, and the figures alone are impressive. The floor is 28 acres in extent, requiring 100,000 tons of concrete and 5,000,000 wood blocks, there are 600,000 square feet of glass in the roof; the steelwork is calculated by the thousand tons and the bricks by the million.

In this vast area, where ultimately 15,000 men will be employed, are to be found many examples of Ford ideas for saving time and effort in production. They are to be seen in the opening of the windows—six miles of them—by electric motors; in the cooling of the factory in summer by 1,400 ventilators and the use of electric radiators to provide carefully regulated heat in winter. For the gangs of men

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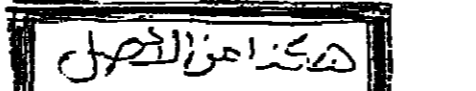
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While the new Ford works at Dagenham was doing well with mass production, it was otherwise in Soviet Russia, where car and tractor factories were suffering from a scarcity of materials.

who are continually washing the glass roof a special gallery has been built, with a pipe-line six miles long running through the handrail so that water is available at any point. The machines show similar labour-saving ideas. The works, in accordance with Ford tradition, are self-contained, and carry out every process from the stage of the early raw material in the finished product. The power house is able to produce sufficient electricity for a town of 50,000 inhabitants; the blast furnace, one of the largest in Britain, will produce 500 tons of pig iron a day; the coke ovens will treat 800 tons of British coal in 24

SOVIET PRODUCTION OF MOTOR-CARS

RIGA, JUNE 24. The Commissar for Heavy Industry in Soviet Russia has ordered 21 metal works in Leningrad, the Urals, and the Ukraine to cease other work to assist the great Stalin Motor-car Works in Moscow, where scarcity of materials and special parts brought about a cessation of regular production a fortnight ago. The Commissar lays down dates for the delivery of specified quantities, by each factory, and invites 21 special directors with extraordinary powers to increase production, threatening each director with personal punishment if deliveries are delayed. The Stalinford tractor works are now in difficulties from the same cause, and have closed for two or three weeks.



College scheme set to boost skill levels

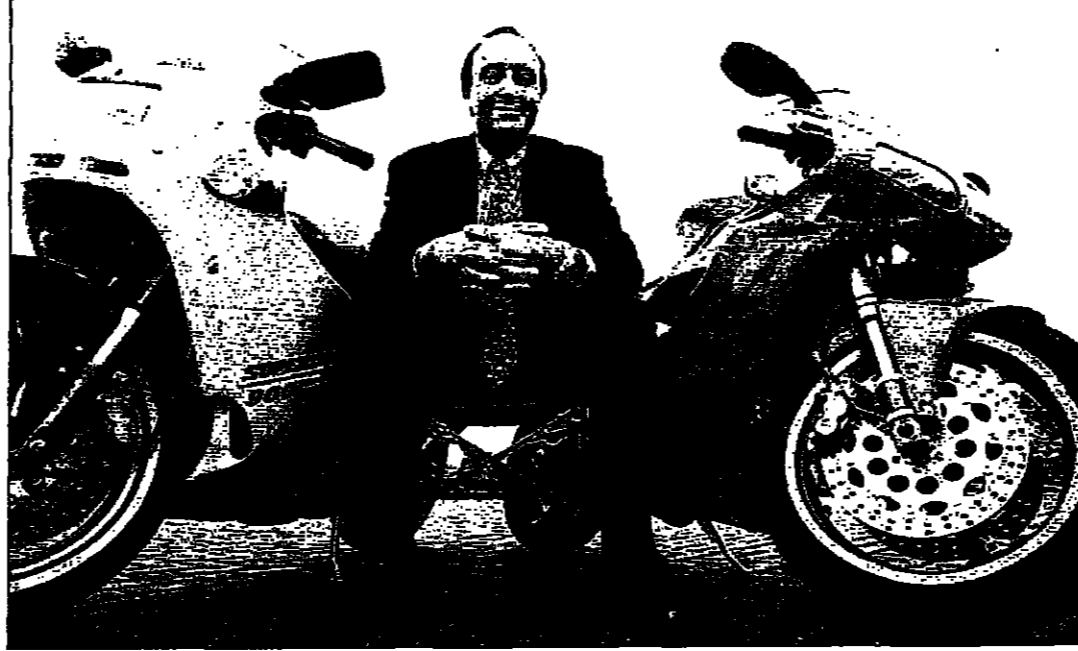
By Sally Watts

SMALLER companies needing more practical skills to sharpen their competitive edge will benefit from new, government-funded college business partnerships. The scheme will initially arrange for at least 80 young college leavers, with a technology-related National Vocational Qualification at level 4, to work in a company for a year. This first stage will be completed by next April. Probable subjects will include production engineering, computing, IT and design. The cost is £21,500 per person, with the Department of Trade and Industry contributing £15,000 and the company paying the balance. The partnerships are being launched this month through Business Links. It has similarities with the Teaching Company Scheme, through which universities put good-quality graduates with high-tech or business qualifications into companies for two years. It is managed by the Teaching Company Directorate (TCD), which will also run the college business partnerships. One aim is that the new partnerships, concerned with areas such as computer-aided design and manufacture, improved process technology and better quality control, will help industries in the supply chain to meet the requirements of potentially world-class client companies. It should also help to meet the need for a more skilled workforce at intermediate level. "The scheme will be business-led," says John Monnot, deputy director of TCD. "Many firms need people with vocational rather than academic qualifications: people who have the practical skills to put necessary, up-to-date technology into the company, rather than those working at the leading edge."

Smitten rider followed his business instincts

By Rodney Hobson

Motorcyclists are getting older. A generation of young men who sold off their machines to get married and buy a house are returning to the open, windswept road. Hoss Elm, once a Ferrari fan and now, at 48, a Ducati devotee, imports Italian motorcycles. He says: "The average age of Ducati owners is about 33 and I am coming more and more across people in their 50s who want to buy one. They want to get back to what they enjoy most." The son of an Iranian diplomat, Mr Elm came to Britain 30 years ago as a student and took an engineering degree. When his father returned home, Mr Elm stayed on, working in the motor industry and then as a consultant at Cranfield Institute. He left a secure job to set up as a motorcycle importer. He says: "One of the lecturers at Cranfield had a rusty bike in a hut wasting away. I bought it for £5 as a joke but within a few months was hooked and had done it up, passed my test and bought a big Italian machine. My experiences suggested to me that there was a big business opportunity to supply quality imported bikes, parts and a follow-up service. "It all came about purely by accident. I was always interested in fast cars but I couldn't really afford them. When I became interested in bikes I wanted something that was fun and fast."



It has not always been an easy ride for Hoss Elm, whose love of motorcycles turned into a business

the business. Moto Cinelli, had outgrown the premises and the bank refused to provide finance for a new property as it regarded the venture as too risky. Mr Elm finally secured backing from the TSB commercial banking centre in Northampton. By using an interest-bearing current account, he has been able to offset bank charges. He says that the Italian motorcycle industry has stood up to Japanese competition and maintained a reputation for engineering that is as good as the famous names in cars such as Alfa Romeo and Ferrari. He says: "They have the same talent with two wheels as with four. In the UK at present the Italian bikes are the most desired. The Italians had more fighting spirit than the British motorcycle industry. They struggled in the 1970s and into the 1980s when the Japanese dominated the scene but in the late 1980s the Italians improved quality and made their prices more competitive."

There are only about 1,900 Ducatis registered in the UK but Mr Elm points out that the marque is available only in more powerful machines from 600cc upwards. He reckons he could have sold 2,500 this year but expects to be able to get hold of only half that number because of cashflow problems at the factory. Now that extra finance has been sorted out to boost production, he wants to import 3,000 next year. The motorcycles cost from £5,600 to £16,000 and it is the most expensive version that is in greatest demand. Mr Elm says: "There are only 500 available worldwide each year."

Hoss Elm is on 01604 750851.

Innovative approach to management is proving profitable

By Clare Stewart

BUSINESSES in the South West are singing the praises of a regional initiative that has helped more than 21 small and medium-sized companies in the past two years. The Profit from Innovation programme is now being run by Business Links in five counties. Despite its title, it has nothing to do with money-spinning inventions, but rather innovation to change and improve the management of businesses. The aim is to shake up companies and to help them to step back from dealing with day-to-day issues in order to identify areas for improvement and to set new targets. It involves employees at all levels. The results have been impressive, but the programme has had to overcome the scepticism of business owners, and managers are wary of consultants and management theories. Jim Bradbury, managing director of Polyflex, a small defence systems business with a £2 million turnover, had his doubts initially. "I am very sceptical about course could help," he said. But after attending a seminar involving a broad spread of businesses that had already tried the course, he agreed to take it further. As a result, Polyflex has re-examined its objectives, leading to the closure of one division in order to focus on its core business of making systems for cooling infra-red missiles and thermal imaging cameras. Subsequently, the company has also put more effort into developing products for its export markets.

and has moved into France, Israel, Sweden and the US, boosting new business inquiries by 50 per cent. "We realised that innovation is not about new technology but about management style," says Mr Bradbury. Phi Group, a construction business, also tried Profit from Innovation. Phi, which specialises in retaining walls and erosion control, has seen its turnover grow rapidly to £8 million. But Terry Henriksen, sales and marketing director, says: "We were having a terrible job trying to fund growth and manage cashflow." Workshops held within the company to analyse ways of improving cashflow highlighted "a whole range of problems". It became clear that a lot of time was spent chasing debts at the end of a project whereas much more could be done to tighten up at the beginning to ensure prompt payment, so saving time and money. Phi Group has now cut the number of outstanding debtors to a third. Applying a similar analysis to freight and storage in the group, Phi was able to make savings of £35,000. A new approach to stock control led to sizeable reductions and released £50,000 into the business to help to fund growth. Profit from Innovation workshops typically involve eight to 12 people. The cost for the whole course - run over a six to nine-month period - is £4,000. Businesses in Gloucestershire, Avon, Wiltshire, Devon and Cornwall should contact their local Business Link for further information. For details of the nearest centre call 0345 567765.



"Of course I'm a paranoid nervous wreck - I've got my own business"

Midland Bank has introduced a protected overdraft facility that offers cover for small businesses against illness, disability and death for up to £15,000. The monthly cost is £2.45 per £1,000 of the agreed overdraft limit. Details available from Midland branches or 0171-260 7771. Reed Personnel Services, the employment agency, has set up a service to distribute CVs of graduates and students in their final year to companies that cannot afford to tour universities looking for recruits. Employers pay a fee only when they take on a graduate. Details are available from Reed branches. EuroOpportunity is a new service designed to help small and microtechnology companies wanting to find European business partners and joint EU research and development programmes. Funding will come jointly from the company and agencies such as Business Links, Oxford Innovation Limited (01865 794585), which runs the scheme with the Teaching Company Directory (01367 242822), visits the business to help it to develop a strategy, and then to prepare its application and locate a partner. Lloyds Bank is offering a discount of nearly £200 on Microsoft office software to companies that open an interest-bearing business account by July 31. The accounts that qualify for the offer are Business Call, Business Reserve and Premier Interest. The number of new company formations has increased steadily for two years, according to new research from Barclays Bank's small business services, which recorded 23 per cent more formations in the 1995-96 winter than in the middle of 1994. However, the research showed that the numbers in full-time self-employment had fallen by 3 per cent in 12 months, mainly because of reduced demand in construction. Separate research by Barclays shows that seven out of eight new business owners consider training an essential part of starting up, but only three in ten have introduced special training. Miledger, a York company, has devised a microcomputer to calculate company car mileage to comply with the need to keep accurate records for income tax self-assessment. It costs from £195 per car (01947 866767).

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Even the organisers have been surprised at the demand for space at the Manchester Franchise Exhibition on June 28 and 29. With 40 stands taken at last year's event, CII, which stages three franchise exhibitions in Britain each year, looked ambitious in booking an arena at the G-Mex centre to take 60 stalls. In the event, franchisers and support services have had to be turned away as all the stalls were snapped up.

CII's first show, with 80 stands at Wembley's Hall 3, London, in March, brought in 7,800 visitors and the event at Edinburgh a month later attracted 3,200. Richard Lewis, marketing manager at CII, says: "Franchising is snowballing. We will be disappointed if we get fewer than 4,000 visitors at Manchester. This is a big exhibition in a major regional city."

CII's franchise exhibitions have been growing in importance over the past three years and they now have the support of the British Franchise Association. All exhibitors are approved by the BFA, which also supports the franchise exhibition organised by Blenheim in October. Mr Lewis says the BFA backing at Manchester for the first time is one reason for the surge of interest among franchisers.

CII has attracted new exhibitors

Franchising show will offer help and advice to newcomers, says Rodney Hobson

to its events this year. These include Greenalls Inns, the Warrington-based pub chain that won the Midland Bank award for innovation in last year's British Franchise Awards. Greenalls already has 750 franchisees among its 1,250 tenanted pubs and would be happy to make the tenanted estate 100 per cent franchised.

Greenalls introduced the concept of the pub franchise in 1990 and says its Inn Partnership offers greater security and better support than the traditional tenancy agreement, particularly with catering, marketing, technology and accountancy. National Vocational Qualifications are a fundamental part of the package, which is available for three, ten and 14-year terms costing from £15,000. Greenalls invested more than £13 million in its franchised pub estate last year and intends to spend the same in 1996.

Others at Manchester for the

first time include MinuteMan Press, CNA Executive Search, Drinkmaster and the Mobile Phone Centre. Leading franchisers who will be exhibiting include Esso, Wimpey, Domino's Pizza, Signs Express, Snappy Snaps, 1st Call, Humana, Dyno-Rod, Molly Maid and Select Appointments. Franchises on offer cover a wide range of business sectors including fast food, courier and parcels dispatch, retailing, recruitment, estate agency, maintenance and printing.

Signs Express is based in Norwich and has a network of more than 50 outlets from Scotland to the South Coast, but it hopes to use the Manchester exhibition to fill gaps in industrial centres in the North. Franchises cost £27,500 and franchisees attend a comprehensive five-week training course.

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David Corbett, Signs Express managing director, says: "The signs business is enjoying renewed growth. An increasing number of companies are recognising the



value of cost-effective signage as part of their overall market strategy. There is enormous potential."

Mr Lewis says: "This year's Manchester event has far more to offer visitors than last year. It will be 50 per cent larger and there will be free financial and legal advice. In addition, there will be a comprehensive and free seminar programme covering all the main aspects of franchising"

Key franchise lending banks including National Westminster, lead sponsor of the exhibition, and Barclays will be present. Field Fisher Waterhouse and Colemans Solicitors will add the legal back-up.

The seminars will be held on both exhibition days on a first come first served basis. Beginners can attend an introduction to franchising covering topics such as the

concept and benefits of a franchise, what a franchiser looks for in a franchisee, legal aspects and financing. For potential franchisers, there is an introduction to franchising as a business method to expand or to get a new venture started.

The annual survey by NatWest Bank indicates there is scope for more franchises to be allocated in the area from which visitors to Manchester are likely to be drawn.

Only half of all franchises operating in the UK have outlets in the Yorkshire or North and North East regions and 60 per cent in the North West. About 10 per cent of the UK's franchisees are based in these areas.

Mr Lewis advises: "Always ask a lot of questions. You have got to be very careful to find out what level of support you will get and to obtain estimated cashflows"

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Surrey selector wins £1,000 prize

Combination of solid defenders gives real value

THE winner of section four of Euro Interactive Team Football, the penultimate stage of The Times's competition, is Mr L. Flockhart, of Horley, in Surrey, who scored 43 points in the section (the quarter-final stage). Mr Flockhart edged out two other rival selectors — who also scored 43 points — by virtue of the positive points rule. It is notable, though, that his nearest rivals both selected largely similar teams, with eight players being common to all three.



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The winning team, entitled Pure Fantasy, made good use of the eight quarter-final teams, with only the goalkeeper, Baia, failing to register positively. Mr Flockhart chose especially wisely as regards his defenders: the four players between them amassed 24 of his 43 points. His prize for winning section four is £1,000. Mr Flockhart's team was:

Goalkeeper Paul Baia (Portugal)

Full backs Bixente Lizarrazu (France) Stuart Pearce (England)

Central defenders Fernando Hierro (Spain) Danny Blind (Holland)

Midfield players Paul Gascoigne (England) Zinedine Zidane (France, RS) Zvonimir Boban (Croatia) Rui Costa (Portugal)

Strikers Jürgen Klinsmann (Germany) Davor Suker (Croatia)

Manager Berni Vogts (Germany)

The race for the overall prize of £25,000 continues, however. With the European championship coming to a climax, Euro ITF selectors have a limited time left to make their final transfers before they must trust in the players they have selected.

The leading ten selectors have all broken the three-figure barrier, but all those

selectors whose scores are only in the nineties are still not out of contention. With some judicious transferring before tomorrow's two semi-finals (and a carry hunch for the eventual two finalists), there are well over 80 selectors at least who could finish up £25,000 better off.

Five points clear of the field is Mr P. O'Connell of West London. His Euro Paulo team has amassed 110 points, and he has made good use of the transfer system. Euro Paulo includes two of England's heroes — Seaman and Shearer — and the talented France pair of Zidane and Djorkaeff.

The loss of Fredi Bobic and Jürgen Klinsmann, the Germany strikers, before the Germans' semi-final with England at Wembley tomorrow evening, will have forced many selectors to bring in a new striker, since Klinsmann in particular was a popular choice for many Euro ITF selectors.

There will be some who might take a gamble on a Czech Republic midfielder player or striker, in the hope that the rank outsiders will overturn the form book once more and unearth another magical goal like that of Karel Poborski against Portugal on Sunday.

But if the bookmakers' odds are your preferred guide, then the crucial selections will need to be made from England and France. Ladbrokes's favoured

teams to win through to Sunday's final at Wembley.

The important issues that most Euro ITF selectors will want to bear in mind are whether Alan Shearer, the Blackburn Rovers striker, will return to scoring form after the goalless draw with Spain (but it must be borne in mind that Shearer is one of a handful of England players on one yellow card), or whether their goalkeeper should be the outstanding David Seaman or the eccentric Bernard Lama.

Disciplinary records — with 139 bookings and seven sendings-off in the championship to date — will be an influential factor in selectors' decisions (the full list of bookings and sendings-off can be found on page 48 today), as will the fact that goals have been singularly hard to come by.

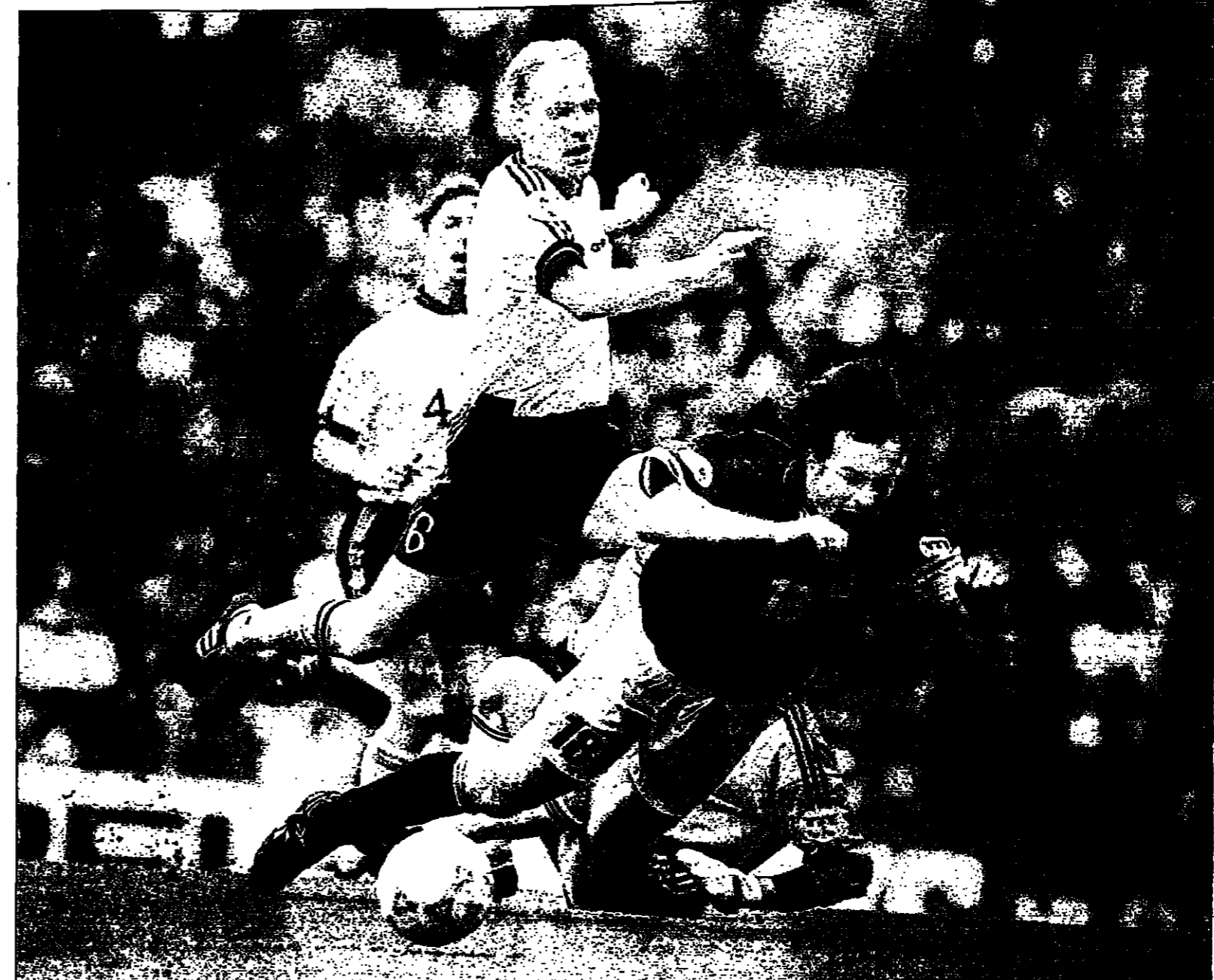
Matthias Sammer, of Germany, with 16 points to his credit, has attained the status of Euro ITF's most valuable player; his two goals from central defence have allowed him to score and goalkeeper, Andreas Köpke, is the highest-scoring man in his position. Seaman's heroics for England notwithstanding, England's own Paul Gascoigne leads the field in the midfield department, with 11 points, whilst Shearer, with 13, is the leading striker.

Euro ITF reflects the real world of Euro 96. It is up to you to prove your selection skills by picking a team to beat the best. Having done that, you may attempt to improve your points-scoring potential by using the transfer system.

Your team must always be in line with the format of one goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager. For this last section, you may pick up to four individuals (player or manager) from the same country. You must also include one Rising Star (denoted opposite by RS), but no more than one, in your team.

The Euro ITF competition is separated into five transfer sections. For this last section, you may transfer up to five individual players (including the manager), but it is important to note that you may only use the transfer facility once for each team. If the transfer facility is used more than once, that team will revert to its original form.

All queries on Euro Interactive Team Football should be directed to 0171 757 7016.



Sammer, the Germany midfielder, watches Köpke concede a penalty against Italy. His championship goals make him valuable in Euro ITF

HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN EURO ITF

Table detailing scoring system for Euro ITF, including points scored for various actions like goals, appearances, and team wins.

POINTS DEDUCTED

Table detailing points deducted for various actions like conceding goals, yellow/red cards, and team losses.

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HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER IN EURO ITF

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During a transfer period, you may make up to five transfers but may only call the transfer line once per team.

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SECTION ONE (Saturday June 8 to Tuesday June 11): completed.

SECTION TWO (Thursday June 13 to Sunday June 16): completed.

SECTION THREE (Tuesday June 18 to Wednesday June 19): completed.

SECTION FOUR (Saturday June 22 to Sunday June 23): completed.

SECTION FIVE (Wednesday June 26 to Sunday June 30): transfers may be made from today until 2pm tomorrow, with immediate effect.

Form for making a transfer, including fields for Player out, Club, Player in, and Club.

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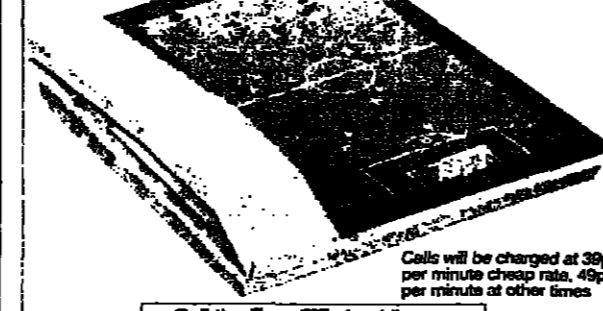
Internet players are also eligible for special £250 prizes, as well as the prizes in the main competition. Enter The Times's Internet edition home page on

http://www.the-times.co.uk and click on to the Euro ITF "Button".

THE TOP 250 SELECTORS IN EURO INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL

Large table listing the top 250 selectors in Euro Interactive Team Football, including their names, points, and club affiliations.

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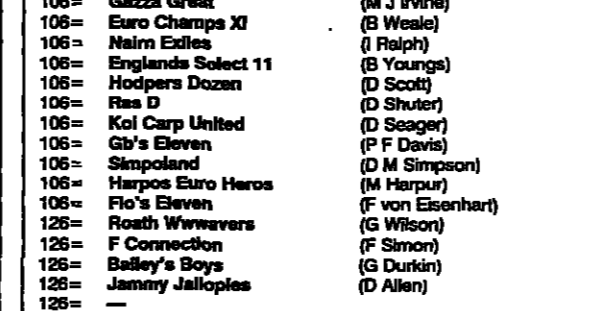


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Check your points total and your ranking. You need a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) and your ten-digit selector's PIN.

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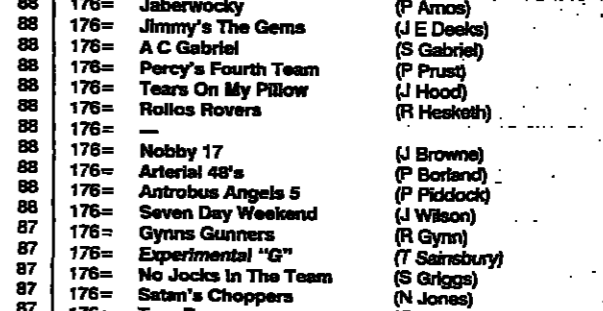


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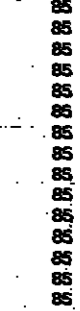


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Vertical list of names on the right edge of the page, including names like Borislav Myhalov, Dimitar Popov, Zoravko Zoravkov, etc.

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FULL BACKS

Table with columns: Code, Name, (Country, club), Wk Cum. Lists full backs like Ilian Kryakov, Radoslin Kishishev, Emil Kremenliev, etc.

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Table with columns: Code, Name, (Country, club), Wk Cum. Lists central defenders like Vladimir Chomakov, Krasimir Chomakov, Goshko Guinechev, etc.



David Seaman celebrates an England victory. Should you select him now?

Table with columns: Code, Name, (Country, club), Wk Cum. Lists players like Yuri Nikiforov, Omer Tetradze, Colin Calderwood, etc.

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Table with columns: Code, Name, (Country, club), Wk Cum. Lists midfield players like Krasimir Balakov, Daniel Borimirov, Bontcho Guentchev, etc.

Table with columns: Code, Name, (Country, club), Wk Cum. Lists strikers like Horia Niculescu, Nica Basarab Panduru, Ioan Sabau, etc.

STRIKERS

Table with columns: Code, Name, (Country, club), Wk Cum. Lists strikers like Emil Kostadinov, Hristo Stolechov, Nasko Strakov, etc.

GOALSCORERS

Table with columns: Code, Name, (Country, club), Wk Cum. Lists goalscorers like Dimitar Penev, Miroslav Blazevic, Dusan Uhrin, etc.

NEWS

Asylum seekers' cash crackdown

New laws are to be rushed through Parliament next week to overturn a Court of Appeal ruling that the Government acted illegally in cutting welfare benefits to asylum seekers.

Mirror under fire over front page

The Editor of the Daily Mirror has apologised after hundreds of people protested about yesterday's front page showing two England footballers in soldiers' tin helmets demanding a German surrender.

Spy trap alert

America has reimposed tough anti-spy restrictions on Moscow staff, where intimate relations with Russian citizens must be reported immediately.

Agassi out

Andre Agassi, the No. 3 seed and the most charismatic figure in international tennis, was knocked out of the Wimbledon championships on the opening day of the men's singles.

Beef target

John Major said Britain would be ready for most of the EU beef ban to be lifted by November as he resisted Cabinet pressure for the sacking of Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister.

Sainsbury ban

A Sainsbury out-of-town store in North Yorkshire lost its licence to sell alcohol after police sent underage teenagers in to buy drink because of complaints about drunkenness and bad behaviour at a nearby disco.

St George is back

England's success in Euro 96 has led to the rediscovery of the flag of St George - almost forgotten by a generation.

NHS 'in crisis'

The leader of Britain's doctors declared the NHS was in crisis and demanded a £6 billion injection of funds to stop it sinking like the Titanic.

Colonel, 85, wins wife and degree

A former aide-de-camp to the Queen is proving that even at 85 one can learn new tricks. Next month Colonel George Widdowson collects a Spanish degree and, a few days later, he marries his fiancée Mary Miller.

Women's woe

British women work harder for less money, have more children, run more one-parent families and die sooner than Western European counterparts.

Greenpeace clash

Danish fishermen and Greenpeace activists were involved in violent clashes in a growing conservation war.

New RAF missile

The RAF is getting a cruise missile that can be fired from 300 miles away, guaranteeing a direct hit. A £650 million order will be announced by Michael Portillo next month.

Off the mark

The German Government opened its public relations offensive to persuade its stubbornly sceptical citizens that it will be withdrawing the mark for a single European currency.

Clinton reprieve

President Clinton enjoyed a rare respite from the scandals besetting his White House when the Supreme Court in effect delayed Paula Jones's sexual harassment lawsuit until after November's election.

Gall in Kabul

Sandy Gall was sipping tea on the veranda when the first rocket landed 300 yards away. He knew then that he was back in Kabul.



Twenty-five Essex amateur actors with Benfleet's The Wednesday Players celebrate sharing a £2 million National Lottery win

Woolwich: Woolwich Building Society sought to put its stock market flotation back on course by naming insider John Stewart as its group chief executive.

Terents: Andre Agassi, the No 3 seed, lost in four sets to a fellow American, Doug Flach, on the opening day at Wimbledon. Other seeds to lose were Michael Chang and Jim Courier.

Fine art: An odd Gallic choice of British sculpture goes on show at the Jeu de Paume in Paris; while Nantes pays handsome tribute to Henry Moore's genius.

Opera double: Garsington Opera turns on the country-house charm in productions of Britten's Albert Herring and Rossini's Il Turco in Italia.

Channel tunnel: The Department of Transport told Eurotunnel's embattled management the British Government saw "no public interest" in extending its operating licence.

Football: Jürgen Klinsmann was adamant he would not be fit to face England in the European championship semi-final at Wembley because of a calf injury.

Pop gigs: Mariah Carey comes to London for the first time, and her Sex Pistols prove they still have a past that is worth making a noise about.

What we believe: On day two of our series, Henry Dent-Brocklehurst describes how he gave up drugs and found salvation; Graham Turner on the divine plan; and Dr Thomas Stuttaford on faith and wellbeing.

Pensions: Hopes that 60,000 part-time workers would share up to £95 million in back-dated pensions were dashed.

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 11.5 points to close at 3710.8. Sterling's trade-weighted index was unchanged at 85.9 after a fall from \$1.5403 to \$1.5398 but a rise from DM2.3551 to DM2.3580.

Fond farewell: Sadler's Wells says farewell to Lillian Baylis's famous building with a song-and-dance gala that featured many voices from the past.

Spiritual death-throes: For years Andrew Harvey has been fascinated by Eastern religion. Now he has turned his back on those beliefs. Jeffrey Bernard on the God that throws custard pies.

Victim impact: Michael Howard is to introduce the victim's voice in court, so that sentencing will take into account their pain. But is it the crime or its impact that is on trial?

New Spanish custom: Spaniards did not feel juries were necessary - but as they have just been introduced they will have to serve on them anyway.

Lord Tweedsmuir, soldier, explorer and writer; Cecil Turner, publisher.

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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-26.

- ACROSS
1 Safe to put on an overcoat? (9).
6 Young Bobby, not the eldest son (5).
9 One who checks documents for every employer? (7).
10 Less well-bred dog or horse, say (7).
11 A decline accepted by society for so long (5).
12 Mexican food left in derelict hacienda (9).
14 Like Henry Wood? (3).
15 Boy in school head's expelled as danger to health? (11).
17 Order scenery, working as chapel member? (4-7).
19 Vehicle that goes out when service has been successfully dealt with (3).
20 Drives in which dog caught vermin (9).
22 Trunk carried by actors overseas (5).
24 National issue (7).

DOUBLE DEALER
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FORECAST

General: England and Wales will be mostly dry with sunny periods, but cloud will increase in the North and West in the afternoon and evening, perhaps with patchy rain or drizzle later. Mostly warm.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

Table with columns: Sun, Rain, Cloud, Mist, Max, Min. Lists weather data for various regions like Aberdeen, Glasgow, London, etc.

WIND & LOWEST

Table with columns: Wind, Lowest. Lists wind directions and lowest temperatures for various locations.

Woolwich deal for Robinson

Peter Robinson, the former chief executive of the Woolwich Building Society, has signed a confidential deal giving him a pension of at least £13,000 a year.

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Weather forecast map showing high and low pressure systems over the UK and Europe.

HIGH TIDES

Table with columns: TODAY, AM, HT, PM, HT. Lists high tide times for various locations like London Bridge, Aberdeen, etc.

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Table with columns: Sun rises, Moon sets, Sun sets, Moon rises. Lists hours of darkness for various locations.

Valuations of Value

Advertisement for Bentley & Co. valuations, featuring a diamond ring and contact information.

Large advertisement for 'Move to early' featuring a stylized figure and the text 'Maj to a early'.

Small advertisement for 'Solutions to Puzzle No 20,202'.

Small advertisement for 'BENTLEY & CO'.

Small advertisement for 'TV & RADIO WEATHER CROSSWORDS'.